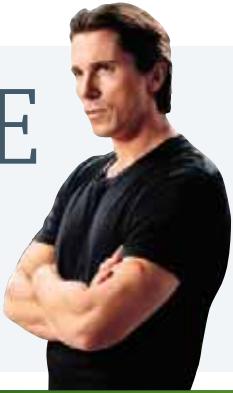




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Country superstar Garth Brooks performs to a sold-out crowd Thursday night at the Saddledome during the 100th Anniversary of the Calgary Stampede. See more coverage on page 4 and visit metronews.ca for concert review and slideshow. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Mayor demands full Shaw review

Explosion. Nenshi says telecom giant owes city an explanation after service struggles



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Calgary's mayor said he plans to ask tough questions of the city's largest telecommunications provider after a fire sparked widespread service struggles that were still not fully resolved Thursday.

A transformer exploded at the downtown Shaw Court building Wednesday afternoon, leading to a fire that set off sprinklers throughout the 13-storey building.

Numerous key communications systems inside the building were automatically shut down, hindering everything

from 911 communications to debit transactions for some.

"As a customer, we really will have questions about what happened here with this provider," Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi told Metro Thursday. "Where were their backups and why weren't the backups able to come on-stream quite quickly?"

Shaw president Peter Bissonnette said the organization's first priority was restoring all communications before launching a review of what led to the fire and subsequent failures.

Nenshi cautioned Shaw if they were unable to provide the answers he is looking for. "We have got very competitive markets out there, and I think that the city as a large customer is entitled to certainly receive the quality of service that we're paying for."

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Calgary medical zone director Dr. Francois Belanger, left, and Alberta Health Services president and CEO Dr. Chris Eagle field questions Thursday as they continued to monitor progress to restore systems lost during a fire at the Shaw Court building. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

'Most expensive' outage for AHS

Shaw Court fire. Delays for elective surgeries could extend into the weekend, but officials say emergency patient care is not impacted

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Digital patient records, surgery schedules and other vital hospital data remained inaccessible for much of Thursday at Calgary hospitals, forcing medical staff to begin the process of rescheduling a number of elective surgeries.

A fire at the Shaw Court building Wednesday forced internal communications sys-

tems used by Alberta Health Services (AHS) offline, putting added pressure on staff who were forced to resort to pens, paper and whiteboards where they would normally use computers.

"This would be the longest and most expensive outage we have dealt with," said Alberta Health Services president and CEO Dr. Chris Eagle.

At press time Thursday, it was still not clear if AHS systems had been restored.

Hospital staff members were already working to reschedule some non-essential Friday surgeries, and officials warned if the outage was not resolved quickly delays could extend into the weekend.

Calgary medical zone director Dr. Francois Belanger said emergency care had not been

significantly impacted.

Restoring AHS systems became Shaw's "No. 1 priority" Thursday after 911 and 311 communication service was restored overnight, said president Peter Bissonnette.

"We are just waiting for the city electrical inspector to allow us to apply power to our data centres," he added.

Alberta Health Minister Fred Horne refrained from calling for a full review of Wednesday's fire and subsequent service failures, stating his focus was on patient care for the time being.

While Horne said backup systems are in place, with data stored in three separate locations, AHS will use the system failure as an opportunity to examine if proper redundancies are in place.

Other impacts

Other residual impacts of Shaw Court explosion:

- Service Alberta announced Thursday they had begun sending backup data to an alternative location in Ontario as online systems used for the Alberta Works program, fishing and hunting licences and others remained offline.
- The city deactivated its Municipal Emergency Plan Thursday morning after 911 and 311 communications were restored. It's not believed anyone suffered seriously as a result of not being able to call for help.

Help for addicts

Calgary drug-rehab program gets \$463K from province

In and out of jails since the age of 16, former addict Kyle Byron said he couldn't have been accepted into the Calgary Drug Treatment court at a better time.

The recovery program, which rehabilitates addicts who have committed crimes to support their drug habit, received a \$463,000 cash injection to continue their work.

"I was emotionally and spiritually dead," said Byron, 38.

"I had nothing in my life. My family wanted nothing to do with me."

Through the program, Byron has mended family relations, secured a job and has been clean for almost nine months.

Addiction targets everybody, said Minister of Justice Jonathan Denis, after making the funding announcement at the Calgary Court Centre Thursday.

Denis himself has been affected by addiction. Drugs lured his cousin to crime before he took his own life.

"It's always left an indelible mark on my psyche about the dangers of drug abuse," he said.

The program has proven successful time and time again, according to the minister.

"We're seeing results throughout our city," he said.

The program's presiding judge, James Ogle, said drug treatment court is more economical and effective than locking addicts behind bars.

"It's better to rehabilitate this type of offender through treatment rather than further alienate them through punishment," said Ogle.

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Country star asks Calgary fans to be patient until next tour

Tour in the cards.

Garth Brooks says he may be back in town — in a few years' time



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"For the people that didn't get tickets: please don't give up on me."

Garth Brooks

disappointed that many had to pay so much to see him.

"It ain't worth it," he joked, hours before his Calgary show Thursday.

Brooks said his youngest daughter is a junior in high school, and once she's off to college, hitting the road again is a definite possibility.

"If we go on tour again when the children go off to college and if Calgary is a part of that tour, which I can't imagine it not being, then we'll come here for \$68 and it will be 10 times the show," he said.

"I just want to say thank you for going through it. And for the people that didn't get tickets: please don't give up on me."

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Garth Brooks told local media Thursday that he jumped at the opportunity to come back to Calgary to perform. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

While thousands of Calgarians missed out on their chance to see country legend Garth Brooks perform at the Stampede, he said Thursday not to worry — he'll be back.

Stationed at the Wynn in Las Vegas, Brooks hasn't been on tour in several years but said there wasn't even a moment of hesitation when he was asked to play at the Calgary Stampede's centennial year.

"It's the 100th anniversary, this is bragging rights to all my buddies back home," he said. "This was selfish for me, I really wanted to do this."

Tickets sold out in under one minute, and many forked over hundreds of dollars to purchase tickets second-hand, leaving Brooks

disappointed that many had to pay so much to see him.

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Mulcair sticks to his guns on oil project



NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, centre, tours the Calgary Stampede grounds with his wife, Catherine, right, on Thursday. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Federal NDP boss Tom Mulcair is holding firm to his principles on a pipeline project proposed by a Calgary-based company during his first visit to the Stampede as leader.

Mulcair — outfitted in a white cowboy hat, blue jeans and cowboy boots — rode into what could be considered enemy territory in the heart of Canada's oil country.

He said a scathing report in the U.S. about how badly Enbridge handled an oil spill in Michigan two years ago should be the final nail in the

coffin for the Northern Gateway pipeline.

The Opposition leader said the blame assigned to Enbridge in the report would give anyone looking at the project pause.

He isn't planning on meeting with any officials from the oil-and-gas sector, but did pay a visit to Calgary mayor Naheed Nenshi.

"I was happy to accept Mr. Mulcair's invitation to meet while he is in town today," said Nenshi.

"During our meeting, I ex-

plained how important our energy industry is for Canada's economy and encouraged him to learn more about the industry and what is being done, or what more can be done, to ensure development that is sensitive to our environment. The energy industry has played an important role supporting our national economy during a period of recession."

Mulcair said his comments about the energy sector may not be popular in Alberta, but he believes Canadians would

Opposition's stance

- The Opposition leader has repeatedly said economic strength in Alberta, fuelled mainly by the oilsands, is jacking up the Canadian dollar and hurting manufacturers elsewhere in the country.

- Alberta Premier Alison Redford said earlier this week she wasn't holding out hope that Mulcair would change his tune.

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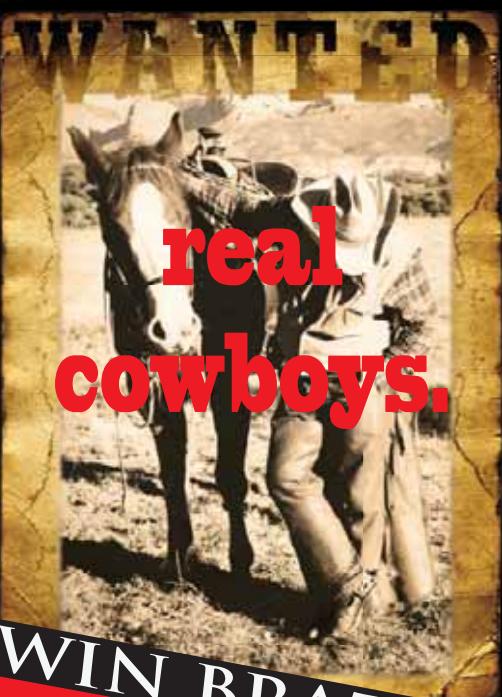
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Can you find true love at Stampede?

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Matchmakers believe the Calgary Stampede presents opportunities for romance

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For some, hookups are just as much a Stampede tradition as pancake breakfasts, but the potential to wrangle true love at Calgary's biggest party exists, said matchmaker for Hire.

"The Stampede, wow! What better venue? A happy venue where everybody's out there having fun," said Jane Carstens, founder of Matchmaker for Hire.

"Everybody's just open to meeting people in general, so then it just opens up opportunities of meeting other singles," she said.

A chance meeting at Stampede has led to an 11-year marriage for Marc and Bobbi Paolini.

"(Love) literally stopped by my table that night," said Marc Paolini about the fateful evening in 1997.

If you're looking for a long-term romance on the grounds, be aware of the type of person you're interacting with, said Susan Semeniuk of Divine Intervention.



Couple Janine Hardonk and Kevan Coyle take their relationship to the Calgary Stampede Wednesday.

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Stampede lovin' tips

1 "You have to be open and exude a fun confident vibe. Smile and be approachable," said Susan Semeniuk, of Divine Intervention.

2 "Stay away from threatening questions," said Jane

Carstens, Matchmaker for Hire.

3 "Look the part. You have to look good when you go out," said Semeniuk.

maker warned.

And don't be shy.

"Interact with as many

people as possible," she said.

"It can be as simple as saying hi or 'Isn't this great?'" said Carstens.

"Just the sheer event of the Stampede itself allows great conversation," she added.

The biggest tip both real-life cupids stressed is to be open to finding love.

"When you say there are no single people, you close the door," said Carstens.

"You've got to believe it exists and it will happen."

CALGARY IS NOT THE GREATEST CITY AND THAT'S OK



IN DEFENCE OF

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When Stephen Harper helped kick off the Calgary Stampede last week, he probably had no idea that he'd also start one of the biggest debates this country will likely see in a non-election year.

"(The founders) would be amazed to see that their Stampede has been part of giving birth to the greatest city in the greatest country in the world."

With that, Calgarians cheered the seemingly official declaration of greatness, while others, likely just looking for attention in the media, scoffed at the PM's claim.

For me, the allegation was nothing unusual. I rarely agree with our current prime minister, and this quote was no different. The fact of the

matter is that Calgary isn't the greatest city in Canada. It might not even be the greatest city in Western Canada.

After all, the term greatest feels like something immeasurable.

I don't think Calgary has the greatest public transportation, nor is its housing very affordable; and sometimes — hold on to your cowboy hats — I don't even think we have the greatest mayor.

But who does? Who knows enough about each city in Canada to declare one as the greatest? I do, however, think this city is pretty awesome. Warm or cold, the weather here is fantastic; we have unbelievably nice people; we have near-perfect trails and bike paths; and, almost on command, bunnies run down our streets. Which, admittedly, is pretty great.

The fact I don't think Calgary is the greatest city

shouldn't ruffle feathers — though it likely will. I'm assuming most of the people upset by such a disparaging comment about Calgary haven't even left the 403 area code. Being from somewhere, or a part of something, doesn't make it the greatest. If you like the Calgary Flames, you should like them for their sportsmanship and ability, not just because they are Calgary's team. And while some parents might disagree, their own kids aren't the greatest, even if they are pretty cute.

I'm even humble enough to say this isn't the greatest column in Calgary.

Quoted

"(The founders) would be amazed to see that their Stampede has been part of giving birth to the greatest city in the greatest country in the world."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

For me, there's no fun in declaring yourself the greatest: That means your work is done. Nothing more to work towards. And if there's one thing that's great about this city, it's that we aren't afraid of a little hard work.

If cities like Vancouver want to try to correct the prime minister, let them. We're better than that.

Plus, I was in Vancouver last week and it's not that great either.

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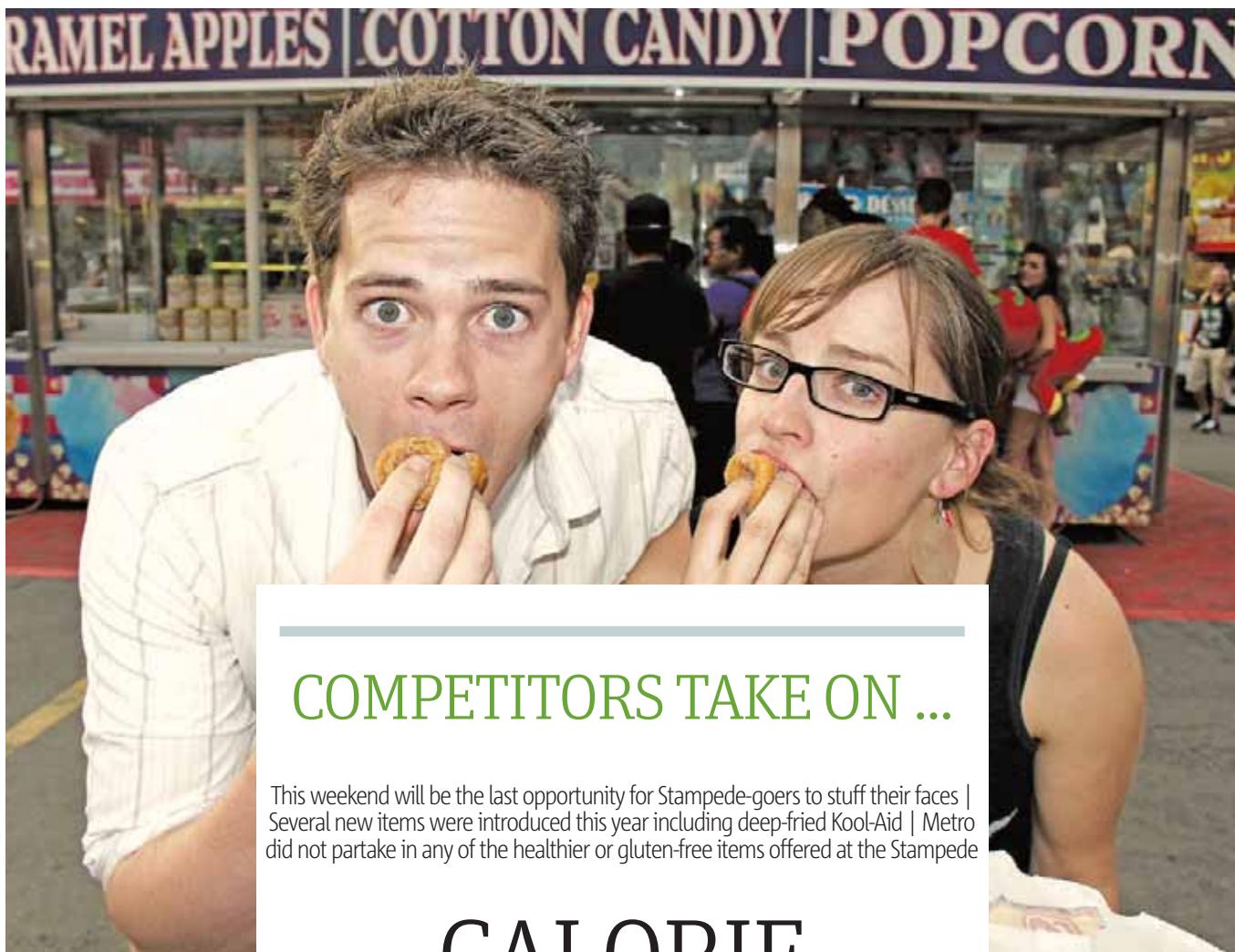
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COMPETITORS TAKE ON ...

This weekend will be the last opportunity for Stampede-goers to stuff their faces | Several new items were introduced this year including deep-fried Kool-Aid | Metro did not partake in any of the healthier or gluten-free items offered at the Stampede

CALORIE CONSUMPTION

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After two consecutive years of putting their bodies through hell, friends of Metro Kelsey Hipkin and James Paton said they'd never do it again.

But the excitement of the Calgary Stampede's centennial year was too much to resist and the two hit the grounds once again to take on Metro's Calorie Challenge.

The objective is simple: Eat as many calories as possible in one hour.

"We almost didn't do the challenge this year, we swore that we were done," said Hipkin.

"But with the centennial this year, that's a big deal; I'm turning 30, that's a big deal. So this is kind of our re-

tirement — our Big Ben moment, if you will."

With that in mind, the two went full out, choosing the greasiest foods they could find.

From poutine to chili cheese fries, to a colossal on-

ion and lots and lots of mini-donuts, the two combined to eat nearly 7,000 calories in 60 minutes.

However, Hipkin came out on top, narrowly beating Paton and claiming the title back from his 2011 victory.

Pictured above: Calgarians James Paton and Kelsey Hipkin think there's no better way to celebrate the Calgary Stampede than to stuff their faces on the midway. (Katie Turner/Metro)

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By the numbers

3,568 During the one-hour challenge, competitor Kelsey Hipkin consumed roughly 3,568 calories. Among Hipkin's list of heart-clogging food items was an orange-soda float, two caramel apples and half a bag of cotton candy.

3,453 2011 Metro Calorie Challenge winner James Paton surpassed last year's total of just over 2,900 calories and consumed roughly 3,453 calories in 60 minutes. Despite inhaling poutine and half a colossal onion, Paton wasn't able to defeat the iron guts of Kelsey Hipkin.

1,260 Both participants consumed two dozen mini-donuts. According to calorieking.com, the total number of calories in 24 mini-donuts would be 1,260 calories, or 52.5 calories per donut.

1,966 The item with the highest calorie count, according to calorieking.com, was the colossal onion, which registered at approximately 1,966 calories. However, after a bag of mini-donuts and a poutine, Paton only managed to get down half of the onion.

2,100 According to Health Canada, the estimated energy requirements for a woman between the ages of 19 to 30 are 2,100 calories per day. For a man in the same age bracket, they recommend 2,700 calories per day.

80 In total, the two spent \$80 on all their midway delicacies with Hipkin's bill totalling \$47.50 for nine items and Paton spending \$32.50 for five items.

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Whether it's heart, lungs, kidney or liver, being an organ-transplant recipient won't hold back about 300 competitors from taking part in the sixth Canadian Transplant Games in Calgary from July 16 to 22.

Started by the Canadian Transplant Organization, the games prove to transplant recipients that they can lead active and healthy lifestyles despite their past medical history, said spokesperson Patti Hunt.

Kristy Thackeray underwent a heart transplant in 1996 after being diagnosed with restrictive cardiomyopathy.

When Thackeray had twin daughters, one of her children was found to have the same heart defect, and in 2004 two-

Quoted

"If Shaylynn can do it, I can do it. She's just such a trooper."

Kristy Thackeray on her 10-year-old daughter, who is a heart-transplant recipient competing in the Canadian Transplant Games.

year-old Shaylynn, now 10, became the second member of the Thackeray household to become an organ recipient.

Both mother and daughter were scheduled to compete at the games, but unfortunately a recent medical condition will keep the elder Thackeray from participating. But she'll be there to cheer on Shaylynn.

Thackeray said her daughter inspires and teaches her daily about handling the strains of transplant life, and that her first-hand experience with organ donations has inspired her to spread the word any way she can.

"I'm trying to do that through participating in the games," she said. "If Shaylynn can do it, I can do it. She's just such a trooper."



Heart-transplant recipients Kristy Thackeray and her 10-year-old daughter, Shaylynn, are excited to help raise awareness about organ donations by competing at the Canadian Transplant Games. CONTRIBUTED/KRISTY THACKERAY



American youth volunteer Chase Greenwood, 13, from Oklahoma, scoops ice cream into soda floats for the homeless on Wednesday as part of the Mustard Seed's DemoCrew inner-city workshop. CELESTE DE MUELENAERE/FOR METRO

Mustard Seed welcomes American mission group

The Mustard Seed often gets a helping hand from Calgarians in order to meet its clients' needs.

But it's not just those on the streets that benefit from the organization's expertise — mission groups from all over North America regularly volunteer at the Mustard Seed.

This week, a church youth group from Sulphur, Okla., was on hand to help out. Not only did they perform regular volunteer duties, but they also participated in the Seed's DemoCrew youth program in what organizer Byron Bradley describes as an "inner-city eye-opener to the realities of

the poor."

One part of the program required the group to go out on the streets to directly experience poverty, performing tasks such as bottle picking, finding their way around without transit and getting help from strangers.

The youngest member of

the Oklahoma team, 13-year-old Chase Greenwood, said the group "had a day-in-the-life experience and it just changed everything, like how there's so much walking and so much to do to just get around and just to get help from people."

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Town designates 'men only' parking

Triberg, a town in southwest Germany, has drawn accusations of sexism after designating two particularly tricky parking spaces "men only." The mayor says women would find it difficult to park there. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Misunderstanding?

Poster will remain despite criticism

A poster showing a baby with a Hitler moustache is staying up at Montreal's Just For Laughs Festival. The image had drawn the ire of B'nai Brith, with the group saying it conjured up disturbing memories. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

A poster advertising the show *Le Prenom* in Montreal. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Quebec student protest

Organizers to visit Ontario campuses

Quebec organizers responsible for the longest and largest student strike in Canadian history are taking their message to Ontario university campuses. The nine-day solidarity tour kicks off Thursday night in Ottawa. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Sinclair inquiry

Social workers' request denied

Dozens of Manitoba social workers who dealt with a young girl who died of abuse and neglect will not be anonymous when they testify at public inquiry into her death, the inquiry commissioner decided Thursday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Court ruling

B.C. drivers won't be compensated

Thousands of British Columbia drivers caught by drunk-driving laws that a judge later declared unconstitutional won't be compensated for their financial losses, in a ruling by the B.C. Supreme Court. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Slow removal makes for interesting backdrop

Tourists relax on rocks in front of the Costa Concordia wreckage on Giglio Island, Italy, on Thursday. Work has begun to remove the tons of rocky reef embedded into the cruise ship's hull, a first step in plans to eventually tow the wreck away from the island, where it ran aground last January. The whole removal process could take as long as a year. In a broadcast interview Tuesday, Concordia's captain Francesco Schettino described the collision as a "banal accident" in which "destiny" played a role. **GREGORIO BORGIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Joe Paterno **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Penn State officials showed 'disregard' for victims: Report

Sandusky scandal.

Further abuse could have been prevented had Paterno, staff acted after 1998 incident

Joe Paterno and other top Penn State officials hushed up child-sex-abuse allegations against Jerry Sandusky more than a decade ago for fear of bad publicity, allowing the former assistant football coach to prey on other youngsters, according to a scathing report issued Thursday on the scandal.

"Our most saddening and sobering finding is the total disregard for the safety and

welfare of Sandusky's child victims by the most senior leaders at Penn State," said former FBI director Louis Freeh, who was hired to look into one of sports' biggest scandals.

The firm's report stated that sexual abuse might have been prevented if school officials had banned Sandusky from bringing children onto campus after a 1998 inquiry.

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Fuel truck. Explosion kills at least 95 Nigerians

A truck carrying fuel caught fire and exploded in Nigeria on Thursday after it veered off the road into a ditch, killing at least 95 people who had rushed to the scene to scoop fuel that had spilled, an official said.

At least 50 others were injured in the incident in the oil-rich southern Niger Delta region, said a Rivers State spokeswoman. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

TD. Iranian community angered by bank bans

Iranian Canadians whose accounts with one of Canada's biggest banks have closed say they feel they're being treated as second-class citizens.

Members of the commun-

ity say TD Canada Trust began notifying a number of Iranian-Canadian clients in May that it would no longer provide them with banking services.

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French Alps. Avalanche kills 9 European climbers

A slab of ice broke off Thursday high in the French Alps, sparking an avalanche that swept nine Europeans to their deaths as they tried to climb Mont Blanc, authorities said.

Eleven other climbers were hospitalized and at least four are still unaccounted for.

Two climbers were rescued as emergency crews continue the search. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Syria. Ambassador joins string of notable defectors

A string of high-profile defections from the Syrian regime has stirred hopes in the West that President Bashar Assad's inner circle will start abandoning him in greater numbers, hastening his downfall.

But the tightly protected regime has largely held together over the course of the 16-month-old uprising, driven by a mixture of fear and loyalty.

The latest official to flee, the Syrian ambassador to Iraq, Nawaf Fares, announced that he was joining the revolution, asserting Thursday that only force will drive Assad from power. He is the most senior diplomat to abandon Assad.

"There is no road map ever with Bashar Assad, because any plan, any statement that is agreed on internationally he delays on and ignores," Fares told the Al-Jazeera satellite channel.

"There is no way that he can be pushed from power without force, and the Syrian people realize this."

Syria's Foreign Ministry denounced Fares, saying he should face "legal and disciplinary accountability."



Syrian ambassador Nawaf Fares
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In Washington, State Department spokesman Patrick Ventrell hailed what he called the "first major diplomatic defection," adding: "We think this is a wider sign that the regime is feeling the pressure. The pressure is up and the regime is really starting to fall apart."

Fares is the second prominent Syrian to break with the regime in less than a week. Brig. Gen. Manaf Tlass, an Assad confidant and son of a former defence minister, defected last week, but has not spoken publicly. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Nuke tension. U.S. slaps new sanctions on Iran

The Obama administration on Thursday hit Iran with more sanctions designed to hinder the country's nuclear and ballistic missile programs.

The Treasury Department announced new financial sanctions against 11 companies affiliated with the Iranian defence ministry, Revolutionary Guard Corps and national shipping line as well as a university, all for actions they took to support the programs. Several of the firms are already subject to U.S. and European sanctions.

Treasury also slapped penalties on four men, including an Austrian national and three Iranians, for similar

activity.

"Iran today is under intense, multilateral sanctions pressure, and we will continue to ratchet up the pressure so long as Iran refuses to address the international community's well-founded concerns about its nuclear program," said David Cohen, Treasury's undersecretary for terrorism and financial intelligence. "Today's actions are our next step on that path, taking direct aim at disrupting Iran's nuclear and ballistic missile programs as well as its deceptive efforts to use front companies to sell and move its oil."

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Homes lost to flood protection in Haiti

A man shouts while holding a corner of a Haitian national flag during a march protesting a plan to demolish homes in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Thursday. The Haitian government recently announced that it will demolish hundreds of homes to build a flood-protection project in the ravine that looms over the capital and relocate the residents northeast of the city. **DIEU NALIO CHERY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Taliban take their revenge on police

Pakistan. Gunmen kill nine, injure eight in retaliation for torture of Taliban fighters

Taliban gunmen opened fire on a compound housing policemen in eastern Pakistan on Thursday, killing nine of them, officials said.

The police who were targeted in the city of Lahore were training to become prison guards, said Habibur Rehman, the chief of police in Punjab province, where La-

hore is the capital.

Pakistani Taliban spokesman Ahsanullah Ahsan claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it was revenge for the police torture of their fighters in prison. He spoke to The Associated Press by telephone from an undisclosed location.

The police who were attacked were recruited from northwest Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, a one-time base for the Taliban, and were brought to Lahore for training, said Rehman.

Eight policemen also suffered bullet wounds, said Salman Saddiq, a government

official.

One of the wounded, Shafqat Imran, said that eight to 10 attackers, their faces hidden behind hoods, stormed into the compound and started shooting randomly.

They shouted "God is great," then shot the policemen one by one, said Imran, speaking from a hospital bed.

The Pakistani military launched a massive offensive against the Taliban in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Swat Valley in 2009, and many militants were captured and imprisoned.

Police said they suspect the gunmen who attacked the

housing compound were the same ones who killed seven soldiers and a policeman at an army camp Monday about 160 kilometres northwest of Lahore. The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for that attack as well.

The Pakistani Taliban have waged a blood insurgency against the government over the past few years, demanding it break ties with the United States and establish Islamic law throughout the country.

The militants have killed thousands of soldiers, police and civilians in attacks. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Stop the techies

Occupy Boise protesters block a pathway in Sun Valley Village during Allen & Company's Conference of 2011 in Idaho. The investment firm hosts the annual media and technology conference which was attended by powerful media executives Thursday. KEVORK DJANSEZIAN/GETTY IMAGES

Sotheby's

The Scream's owner revealed

Billionaire Leon Black, chairman and founder of the "buyout shop" Apollo Global Management LLC, bought Edvard Munch's The Scream in a Sotheby's Inc. auction for about \$120 million US, the

Wall Street Journal said on its website. The newspaper quoted "several people close to the collector."

Black and his wife, Debra, are considered to be one of the world's top art collectors. Among his collection are works by Old Masters and Impressionists, according to Forbes magazine.

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Quadruple amputee swims across Straits of Gibraltar

Feats of endurance.

The 14-km swim is the fourth major challenge Philippe Croizon has taken on

A quadruple amputee successfully swam across the Straits of Gibraltar to Morocco on Thursday as part of an effort to swim between all the world's continents.

Philippe Croizon, who lost his arms and legs in an electrical accident, has already swam the English Channel as well as between Indonesia and Papua-New Guinea, and between Asia and Africa in the Gulf of Aqaba.

Croizon, a French citizen, swims with the aid of prosthetic flippers attached to his leg stumps and a snorkel to breathe through. He made the 14-kilometre crossing from Tarifa, Spain, in just over five hours with a friend, Arnaud Chassery.

Croizon said upon his arrival near the city of Tangiers that he is trying to link the continents of the world with his swimming to show "we are all together on the same planet."

"We have proven that an able-bodied person and a handicapped person can link the five continents together by swimming. We've proven that we are all the same, that there are no differences, whatever the politics, the skin colour,



Quadruple amputee Philippe Croizon, his able-bodied teammate Arnaud Chassery, right, and friend Theo Curin, left, celebrate the completion of a 14-kilometre swim across the Straits of Gibraltar on Thursday. EL YAKOUBI AZIZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the religion or the handicap," Croizon said.

The swimmer's arms and legs were amputated after he suffered an electric shock in 1994 as he stood on a ladder adjusting his television antenna, which touched a power line.

Croizon was greeted by friends and well-wishers, as well as his mother Monique Croizon, and they celebrated by waving French and Moroccan flags on the picturesque beach.

"The crossing was quite difficult. We had to swim more than I'm used to. I'm used to long distances but

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"We've proven that we are all the same, that there are no differences, whatever the politics, the skin colour, the religion or the handicap."

Philippe Croizon

that was a really long distance. There were strong currents," he said.

"My back was hurting for a while, but I really wanted this and we've completed the third of our swims."

Croizon plans a swim across a section of the Bering Straits, which although a shorter distance, is made

harder by the near freezing water temperature.

He hopes to make that crossing next month, depending on the weather and sea conditions.

He added that after crossing the Bering Straits, he will be received by President Barack Obama.

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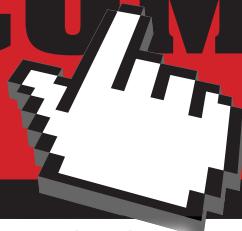
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Mysterious disease strain continues to confound experts

Outbreak. Menacing form of hand, foot and mouth disease includes symptoms of high fever, brain swelling and paralysis

Tran Minh Giang has spent more than a third of his young life in a Vietnamese hospital, and it could be many months more before he can go home. All for a disease that in Asia is as common as chicken pox, and usually about as severe.

The 20-month-old boy was sickened by a particularly menacing form of hand, foot and mouth disease that has killed hundreds of young children across the region. They sometimes suffer high fever, brain swelling, paralysis and respiratory shutdown, even though they may have

been infected by people with few or no symptoms.

When the strain hit Cambodia recently, doctors there had no idea what it was, and even now experts don't fully understand why it can be so devastating. Seven months after becoming sick, Giang still breathes using a ventilator connected to a hole in his tiny throat.

"It may take time, maybe years, before he can recover. When he sleeps, his lungs don't work," his father, Tran Nam Trung, said. "When he first got a high fever, I didn't think that he would be in a situation like this."

The enterovirus 71 strain raised fears earlier this week when it was detected in some lab samples taken after 52 of 59 Cambodian children died suddenly from a mystery illness that sparked international alarm.

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Tran Nam Trung adjusts a tube of the respirator attached to his son Tran Minh Giang who has been hospitalized for the past seven months at the National Hospital of Pediatrics in Hanoi, Vietnam, on Thursday. The 20-month-old boy fell victim to a form of hand, foot and mouth disease that has killed hundreds of young children across Asia recently. TRAN VAN MINH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cave tools give new hints to origins of first Americans



Three Western Stemmed Projectiles discovered in caves near Paisley, Ore.

JIM BARLOW/UNIVERSITY OF OREGON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stone tools and human DNA from ancient caves in the western U.S. offer new evidence of how some of the first Americans may have spread through the continent from Asia: on two different routes, as shown by two different ways of making the tips of spears.

Archaeologists said Thursday that they have dated broken obsidian spear points from Paisley Caves in Oregon to about 13,200 years ago—as old

as much different stone tools from the Clovis culture found in the southeast and interior U.S. And radio-carbon dating of human DNA from coprolites—ancient human feces—shows people lived in the caves as early as 14,300 years ago.

The dates indicate that the Clovis style of chipping stone was not the mother of Stone Age technology, and that the two styles were developed independently by different

groups, said Dennis Jenkins, an archaeologist with the University of Oregon's Museum of Natural and Cultural History who led the excavations.

Jenkins said the findings suggest those groups may have taken separate routes after crossing the Ice Age land bridge from Asia. Those making western stemmed projectiles may have gone down the coast, while the Clovis people travelled through an ice-free corridor in the interior U.S.

Not all experts are convinced.

"Points are not people," said David Meltzer, professor of prehistory at Southern Methodist University. "Just because two ways of fashioning projectile points are different doesn't mean different populations—any more than different groups of people drive Hummers rather than Priuses."

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Jewellers plead guilty to illegal ivory sales in N.Y.C.

Commercialization of wildlife. More than \$2 million in elephant ivory seized

Two jewellers peddled reams of ivory bangles, beads and statues made from the tusks of endangered and threatened elephants, prosecutors said Thursday as the men admitted to a wildlife crime.

Mukesh Gupta, Johnson Jung-Chien Lu and their companies pleaded guilty to illegal commercialization of wildlife, forfeited a combined total of more than \$2 million US in ivory and paid a total of \$55,000 to aid the Wildlife Conservation Society's efforts to help elephants.

The jewellers' lawyers emphasized that the men admitted only to selling and offer-



Two New York jewelry-store owners pleaded guilty to selling and offering for sale illegal elephant ivory with a retail value of more than \$2 million US Thursday.

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tected in the 1970s.

But authorities and conservation experts said that much of the ivory was doubtless more recent and that stocking it in stores in Manhattan's diamond district inherently contributes to a worrisome boom in the illegal ivory trade.

"Poachers should not have a market in Manhattan," District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. said at a news conference, standing before a table strewn with seized ivory rings, bracelets, complete tusks — and little carved figurines of the elephants from which authorities say it all came.

"If we only look at this issue as, 'Hey, I didn't have a permit,' and you ignore the consequences, you are fuelling the trade of wildlife crime. You are encouraging and fostering the extinction of species." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Mongolian kids know how to horse around

Mongolian child jockeys compete in a horse-racing competition during the second day of the Naadam Festival held in Khui Doloon Khudag, on the outskirts of Ulan Bator, Mongolia, Thursday. Mongolians celebrate the anniversary of Genghis Khan's march to the world conquest with the annual sporting festival featuring traditional Mongolian events such as wrestling, archery and horse racing.

Federal lawsuit

Five American Samoans fight for U.S. citizenship

Five people from American Samoa have filed a federal lawsuit arguing that they should be U.S. citizens. The lawsuit challenges the constitutionality of federal laws that make those born in American Samoa U.S. nationals but not citizens, like those born in other territories.

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Labour

Couple jailed for exploiting workers

A British judge has sent a husband and wife to jail for exploiting and forcing men into labour for little or no pay.

James John and Josie Connors were convicted of exploiting and abusing the men at a caravan site in southern England and sentenced to 11 and four years respectively.

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Landslide

Cliff collapse registers as quake

When a cliff collapsed in Alaska's Glacier Bay National Park in June, it sent rock and ice coursing down a valley and over a lovely white glacier in what could be one of the largest landslides recorded in North America.

The rumbling showed up as an earthquake in Alaska and Canada.

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Sightings and abductions. Britain releases UFO files

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The hidden history of the UFO desk at Britain's Ministry of Defence (MOD) was released for the first time on Thursday, with 6,700 pages of files dating back to 1965. The desk, which closed in 2009, collated all information on UFOs and handled public inquiries.

The listed sightings include abductions, alien hypnosis and numerous spaceships. One such account from a policeman describes a "square/diamond shaped object moving across the sky and changing shape" at Chelsea's football stadium in 1999.

Several accounts from Royal Air Force pilots describe crafts flying alongside them. The department estimated that nine per cent of sightings could be explained, but could not secure funding to research the others.

Internal communications reveal that UFOs were taken seriously. One intelligence document expresses interest in developing weapons based on UFO technology — "phenomena associated with plasma formations, which have potential applications to novel weapon technology".

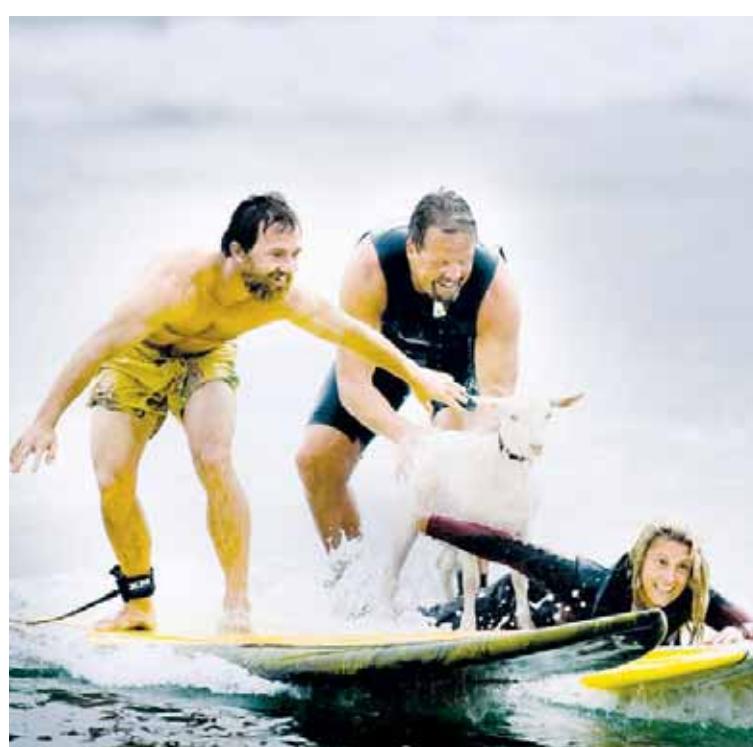
UFO expert Dr. David Clarke,

who campaigned for the files to be released, told Metro: "Intelligence (departments) were prepared to speculate, as they believed the documents would never reach the public." Clarke added that the MOD "couldn't say UFOs were not a threat until they had a database and studies."

The Great Debate

The released files are unlikely to end the debate. A recent survey from National Geographic found that a third of people believe in UFO visits, and there are thousands of "ufologist" groups around the world.

- **The Believers.** "It's comparable to a religious faith," British UFO Research Association spokesman John Wickham told Metro. "The most common belief is that there is life outside of Earth."
- **Coming forward.** Suspicions received a boost on Monday when a former CIA agent claimed to have new evidence from the 'Roswell Incident' in 1947, when the US military allegedly covered up a UFO crash.



California surfers getting their goat on

Dana McGregor, from Pismo Beach, left, surfs with his pet goat, Pismo, and pals Mark and Debbie Gale in San Clemente, Calif. McGregor started taking Pismo's mother, Goatee, to the beach, and it wasn't long before she was on a surfboard. When Pismo was born, McGregor put her on a board, too, and she was a natural, he says.

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Health Canada

Parents warned to be careful with detergent packs

Health Canada is warning parents to keep laundry detergent packs away from small kids after receiving reports of children ingesting the colourful miniature pods.

The brightly coloured packets with their squishy texture are attractive to children and often confused with candy.

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Germany

Uproar over circumcision ban

A German court's decision that ritual circumcision amounts to criminal bodily harm threatens religious freedom in Europe, a group of European Orthodox rabbis said Thursday.

The ruling prompted widespread criticism from Jewish and Muslim groups, despite German government attempts to allay fears that it could lead to a national ban on circumcisions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Orange Order parades incite clashes in Northern Ireland

Conflict. Authorities make strides in curbing violence, but unable to contain Protestant-Catholic strife in Belfast

Irish Catholic militants attacked riot police Thursday in a polarized corner of Belfast as the most divisive day on Northern Ireland's calendar reached a typically ugly end — and yet managed, amid the smoke and chaos, to break some new ground for peacemaking.

More than three hours of violence in the hardline Catholic Ardoyne district marked the fourth straight year that the area has descended into street battles following the annual passage of Protestant marchers from the Orange Order brotherhood.

Massive Orange parades across Northern Ireland each July 12 — an official holiday

that commemorates the Protestant side's victory in 17th-century religious warfare — often stoke conflict with Catholics, who despise the annual marches as a Protestant show of superiority.

But in recent years, as British authorities have restricted the Protestants' march routes, a drab stretch of road that passes a row of Ardoyne shops has become the focal point for provincewide animosity.

A British government-appointed Parades Commission sought to defuse the Ardoyne conflict this year by ordering the Orangemen to pass through the area by 4 p.m., three hours sooner than normal. Protestant leaders grudgingly accepted the deadline, and all sides agreed this gesture kept a bad situation from getting even worse.

The clash demonstrated how, despite a two-decade peace process and five years of a joint Catholic-Protestant government, Northern Ireland still faces a long journey to reconciliation.

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Nationalist rioters clash with Police Service of Ireland officers in the Ardoyne area of North Belfast on Thursday. PETER MORRISON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Triathlete Simon Whitfield waves the Canadian flag during Thursday's Olympic ceremony on Parliament Hill.

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Simon Whitfield named Canada's Olympic flag-bearer

Curse or Blessing?

Triathlete declares that leading the Canadian team into London 2012 opening ceremonies will not be a burden

Whitfield won a gold medal for Canada at the 2000 Sydney Games where triathlon made its Olympic debut, and then captured a silver at the 2008 Beijing Games.

And the native of Kingston, Ont., suggested Thursday after being introduced as flag-bearer that the honour of carrying the Maple Leaf will help him reach the podium once again.

Canada's flag-bearer for the 2010 Winter Olympics was Clara Hughes, who went on to win a bronze medal in speed-skating.

At the 2008 Beijing Games, kayaker Adam van Koeverden won a silver medal in the 500 metres after carrying the flag,

Debunking the myth

"It's so last century to say that it's a jinx."

Canadian Olympian Simon Whitfield responds to questions about whether being the Olympic flag-bearer is unlucky

though he also finished a disappointing eighth in the 1,000.

Diver Alexandre Despatie had also been considered a contender to be named flag-bearer but said recently he would decline the offer because it was a distraction.

The opening ceremonies are July 27 and Whitfield will compete on Aug. 7. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Letdown in London. Problems mount for hosts ahead of summer Olympiad

Saudi Arabia's team includes female athletes

Saudi Arabia will send two female athletes to the London Olympics, ending the ultraconservative Muslim country's record of fielding only all-male teams at the games.

The decision, announced Thursday by the IOC, means every country competing in London will include women athletes for the first time in Olympic history.

The two female Saudi competitors are judo athlete Wodjan Ali Seraj Abdulrahim Shahrkhani and 800-metre runner Sarah Attar. Qatar and Brunei, two other countries that have never sent any female athletes to the Olympics, are also including women on their teams.

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With the Olympics just two weeks away, embarrassing logistical problems about security, staff, phones and traffic made the mood Thursday in London as gloomy as the weather.

British lawmakers clamored for an explanation why the armed forces need to field more troops to protect the Games, eclipsing the day that U.S. track star Michael Johnson held the Olympic flame aloft at sunrise at the ancient monument at Stonehenge.

London's aging infrastructure kept offering up unpleasant surprises as the main road near Heathrow Airport remained closed following emergency repairs. The British mobile-phone company O2, meanwhile, acknowledged that thousands of customers had been affected by outages on its

Security shortfall

British Home Secretary Theresa May confirmed Thursday that the government will deploy an additional 3,500 servicemen at the London Olympics amid concerns that a private security contractor had failed to recruit enough staff.



In this August 2011 photo, Texas State Park police officer Thomas Bigham walks across the cracked lake bed of O.C. Fisher Lake in San Angelo, Texas. TONY GUTIERREZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadian farmers see rewards from U.S. drought

Agriculture.

Consumers brace to pay more for corn products, farmers hope to reap benefits of historically high grain prices

Burning up

"If we don't get rain in the next week, we can probably count on a 10 to 20 per cent reduction in yield."

Canadian farmer Markus Haerle on record dry conditions in Central Canada

Corn Growers Association.

"The U.S. being the largest corn producer in the world—if they are suffering, that just limits supply, and prices in return run up."

Farmers south of the border will see just a fraction of the corn they expected in the spring when the ground was seeded, the U.S. Department of Agriculture warned earlier this week. That prediction sent the

price of corn through the roof—up by about 30 per cent compared with just three weeks ago. Almost all other grain commodity prices are higher as well. If the better growing conditions hold in most major regions of Canada over the rest of this month, farmers will cash in, said Krahm.

But while some farmers are seeing bumper crops, others are facing drought conditions similar to those in the U.S.

Southern and Eastern Ontario are feeling it the most, said Agriculture and AgriFood Canada's Trevor Hadwen.

"It's not quite as bad as the U.S.," he said. "(But) approximately 40 per cent of the agricultural land in Ontario is in the record dry or extremely low (moisture level) category."

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Drought conditions across large swaths of the United States and parts of Europe are raising concerns about a food-price shock later this year.

But while consumers brace to pay more for everything from corn flakes to bread and beef, many Canadian farmers hope to reap rewards from historically high grain prices.

"It's simple supply and demand," said Myron Krahm, vice-president of the Manitoba

British Columbia

Four still missing after landslide

Industrial crews were trucking to the scene of a destructive landslide in southeastern British Columbia Thursday night to help search for four possible victims who may have been buried in a slide that rolled over three homes.

A frantic search for the missing residents by emergency crews began in the tiny community of Johnson's Landing, 70 kilometres northeast of Nelson. Emergency officials said the three homes caught in the slide were "severely impacted."

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U.S.-Mexico border. Authorities discover 2 drug tunnels in southwest

Two sophisticated drug-smuggling tunnels outfitted with lighting and ventilation systems were discovered along the U.S.-Mexico border, including one in Arizona that authorities said Thursday was likely built with engineering expertise seldom seen in previous, crude passageways.

Both tunnels were more than 200 metres long. One began under a bathroom sink inside a warehouse in Tijuana but was unfinished and didn't cross the border into San Diego.

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The tunnel shaft entrance on the U.S. side of a 240-yard drug-smuggling tunnel that ran from Arizona to Mexico. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Supreme Court reins in array of copyright fees

Rights levy. Top court rules on five different cases involving tariffs set by the Copyright Board

The Supreme Court of Canada has reined in the application of copyright fees levied on music, movies, video games and printed materials that Canadians download and copy in different ways. The top court examined five different cases at once that touched on tariffs set by the Copyright Board.

One of the biggest cases involved ministers of education and school boards from across the country versus Access Copyright. The two sides had butted heads at the Copyright Board over how much schools had to pay for the right to photocopy parts of books for students.

In a 5-4 decision, the Court found that the Copyright Board had incorrectly treated teachers differently when they photocopied materials for their students, "driving an artificial wedge into these unified purposes of instruction and research/private study."

The four other cases involved the layering on of fees for works based on the way they are transmitted to the consumer.

The court decided unanimously that there should be no copyright fees levied on cable companies or other digital providers when music is downloaded, but that artists should be compensated when it is streamed online.

The music downloading and streaming decision was linked to another one that dealt with software companies that sell their video games online. The court found in a 5-4 decision

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The industry is now owed roughly three cents for every song downloaded in Canada between 1996-2006, said a lawyer for Rogers Communications, one of the digital service providers that went up against songwriters' group SOCAN.

that those firms shouldn't pay royalties for the music that's featured in those video games every time a consumer downloads a product online.

Finally, cable and other Internet providers should not have to pay fees when music downloaders listen to previews of songs. The court found unanimously that those previews constituted research and therefore did not infringe the Copyright Act.

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CIBC: New jobs high-quality

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United Airlines CEO Jeff Smisek accepts a model of Boeing's new 737 Max 9 from Boeing Commercial Airplanes CEO Ray Conner, left, during a news conference on Thursday in Chicago. United Airlines and Boeing announced that United is buying 150 Boeing 737s, and is planning to use them to replace older planes that are not as fuel-efficient.

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Passwords leaked

Yahoo confirms security breach

Some 450,000 Yahoo users' email addresses and passwords have been leaked because of a security breach, the company confirmed Thursday, adding that just a small fraction of the stolen passwords were valid.

Yahoo said it is fixing the vulnerability that led to the disclosure, changing the passwords of affected Yahoo users, and notifying other companies whose users' accounts may have been compromised.

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Earnings. Canadian banks under pressure

Canada's biggest banks are taking a closer look at ways to reduce their expenses this summer as they prepare for slower earnings growth, according to a new report from Barclays.

Analyst John Aiken, who released a broad overview of the country's banking industry on Thursday, said that cost controls are near the top of the list for the industry as it grapples with tighter revenues.

The banks will look at ways to make their technical operations more efficient to save time and money, but if

that doesn't create enough savings, jobs could be in jeopardy, he suggested.

"If this environment continues, you may need to see some more dramatic cost-cutting measures put in place," Aiken said in an interview.

However, Aiken said that some banks are looking at routes such as changing variable compensation structures to defer some payments, rather than simply the more immediate relief of cutting jobs.

"Process improvement to create more efficiencies ... will take a longer time frame to reap the expected bene-

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Barclays analyst John Aiken

fits," he noted.

Bank of Montreal chief executive Bill Downe highlighted the bank's continuing plans to lower costs across its operations as part of a long-term review that examines all

of its businesses.

Some of those savings will be recognized through the closure of 24 of its U.S. BMO Harris bank branches in the U.S. Midwest, which is expected to trim \$300 million US — though integration and restructuring costs are expected to be \$600 million over the next few years.

National Bank and Royal Bank were also vocal about their cost-management plans.

The report said that TD Bank is likely to spend more attention on compensation plans that discourage risk-taking.

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THE LIST
Mike Benhaim
Metro

1 The Blacker the Berry.... RIM CEO Thorsten Heins announced that the BlackBerry 10 launch will be delayed until the first quarter of 2013. Surely, this

is a shrewd ploy to lure iPhone and Android producers into a false sense of success during peak purchasing season before unleashing their messianic unicorn upon an economically depressed public just teeming with buyer's remorse. That'll show 'em.

2 1,000 words. There is nothing funny about the wildfires that ravaged the western U.S., but pictures of the disaster captured by astronauts have given the International Space Station the distinction of "most expensive camera" in the universe.

3 Reverse psychology. U.S. Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney was booed at the NAACP annual conference, and responded by saying, "If I don't stand for what they want, go vote for someone else." Nice strategy. I wonder if that could become his new campaign slogan.

4 Katie's cruisin'. Kudos to the recently divorced Holmes and Tom Cruise for achieving a settlement that was quicker and more mature than a Kim Kardashian marriage.

5 Career legacy. After eight Oscar nominations, four Golden Globes, a BAFTA and an Emmy, 80-year-old, Royal Academy-trained Peter O'Toole, announced his retirement from showbiz this week. His statement triggered an immediate outcry on Twitter: "OMG. That's the dude that played the voice of Anton in Ratatouille."

6 Behind the mask. Rock star Marilyn Manson responded to a rumour that he was dating Avril Lavigne by saying, "F-k that, she's Canadian," demonstrating once again the fine line between musical genius and complete ignoramus.

7 Is this love? Among Caribbean coral reefs, there exists a small species of "gnathidiids" that will now be known as Gnathia marleyi. Paul Sikkel, marine biologist at Arkansas State University, says he named them after Bob Marley because they are "a natural wonder and as uniquely Caribbean." I am sure that Bob's family cannot fathom a greater honour than to have his name attached to a parasitic crustacean blood feeder that infests fish.

8 Spaced out. Astronomers using NASA's Hubble Space Telescope discovered a fifth moon orbiting Pluto. I have absolutely no idea what this means.

9 Muppet music. Can you tell me how to get to Sesame Street? Well, it seems that all you need is a massive hit like Canadian sensation Carly Rae Jepsen's Call Me Maybe. A snack-inspired version entitled Share It Maybe, performed by the legendary Cookie Monster has received thousands of YouTube hits this week, solidifying the 45-year-old muppet's place in the annals of popular music. Eat your heart out, Marilyn Manson.

10 Calling all students. If you're not backpacking through Europe, make up an excuse for whatever lame internship you've taken and hop on a flight to Jamaica in the next few days. It's Reggae Sumfest with R. Kelly, Lady Saw, Damian Marley, Trey Songz and more. You're young.

You may not remember it, but you won't regret it. Irie.



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Gnathia marleyi, a tiny blood-sucking marine parasite, named after Jamaican reggae icon Bob Marley. ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alabama dogs play it cool



DAVE MARTIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Unleashed in the U.S.

Dog days of summer have just begun

An unidentified Great Dane inspects one of the many fountains at the new Alabama Dream Dog Park in Alabaster, Ala., Thursday.

The \$500,000 UA renovation creates a dog park with many unique features, which include custom-designed splash pads to keep dogs cool during hot Alabama summers, a fetch football field with fire hy-

drant goal posts, a hill that dogs and owners can climb together to enjoy the view, a doggie-wash station, and an adventure path with tunnels and agility hoops, among others.

The concept for the park came from former Shelby Humane Society executive director Jenny Wilson, who won the Beneful dream dog park contest.

"It's so much more than I could have ever imagined," Wilson told local media after taking her dogs Honey Belle and Baxter, through the park. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A dog runs through the fountains at the new Alabama Dream Dog Park. The park is complete with tables and water fountains — some tall enough for humans and some low enough for dogs.



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So I wonder what is going to blow up or break down today?

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Ice Age: Continental Drift suffers from a lazy script. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD
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MARK BRESLIN



Ice Age pleases kids, freezes out adults

Tired and trite. Latest installment of this family franchise has the reviewers counting the years till these characters are extinct

Richard: Chris, I loved the Simpsons short that plays before Ice Age. It's a funny, gently paced thriller for kids with jokes that parents and film geeks will love. In fact, I wanted more of that and less of Ice Age. The main feature is nicely animated but is saddled with a story so by-the-book it feels like it would have been old hat even in the ice age. That's my take. You, however, had two of the world's youngest film critics with you. What did they think?

Chris: Indeed, I brought my sons Jack, 5, and Elliot, 3, with me and as you'll read in the sidebar, they were more impressed than I. Now, I'd watch a movie about lawn darts if it was in 3D, so my eyeballs were pleased by all the razzle dazzle. But other than that ... Ice Age left me kinda numb. And here's my biggest problem with the picture and all of the Ice Age films ... Manny the Mammoth.... you can't see his mouth. He has NO expressions. The dullest animated hero in recent memory.

RC: Manny's not aided by a lazy script that feels like it was run through the Cliché-O-Matic. The theme — family and friends mean everything — has been done before and better. Couple that with jokes that come out of nowhere and feel tacked on, and you're left

with a movie that is as lifeless as Manny's expression.

CA: Absolutely. It also doesn't help that dead-eyed Manny is voiced by Ray Romano, whose velvet tones remind me of a post-pubescent Kermit the Frog. The rest of the cast phones it in too (maybe literally), obviously due in part to that sleepy script you've mentioned. The only one that registers is Game of Thrones' Peter Dinklage, who is monstrous and scuzzy as the pirate monkey Captain Gutt.

RC: Agreed. Dinklage is horrifying and scuzzy, in a good way. Also horrifying: they still have 20,000 years of history and sequel potential to go.

CA: Until they end up in space, right? But our gripes won't stop the kids from dragging their

Critique

Children weigh in...

Forget what the crabby adults have to say, Ice Age: Continental Drift is aimed squarely at the kids. My sons — junior film critics Jack, 5, and Elliot, 3 — joined Richard and I at a recent screening and had plenty to say about the experience. "I liked the 3D," said Jack, who usually tosses his glasses out of frustration mid-way through the film. As for little Elliot, at one point during Ice Age's relentless slapstick sh!tstick, he laughed, shook his head, turned to me and in a voice loud enough that the entire theatre could hear him said "Dad, this is REALLY stupid!" Out of the mouths of babes....

SCENE

Scene in brief

Shaq is back — on TV

Cable channel truTV is putting Shaquille O'Neal on its team with a new series. The channel said

Wednesday that it's ordered 10 episodes of Upload with Shaquille O'Neal, the working title for a series with the basketball star. Actors and comics Gary Owen and Godfrey will join O'Neal on the show. The trio, along with a weekly guest, will share funny videos they find online and create their own, truTV said. Pranks and pop culture parodies also will be part of the mix. In a statement, O'Neal promised Upload will "deliver big laughs." A debut date for the series was not announced.

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To Rome with Love

Director: Woody Allen

Stars: Woody Allen, Penelope Cruz, Alec Baldwin

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To Rome with Love is well-meaning, but feels like something Woody Allen would have written 40 years ago. It's an episodic screwball comedy with loads of characters, identity mix-ups and the comic's trademarked highbrow references — will today's audience get a Howard Roark joke? It has the same kind of farcical feel and references of his earlier work — look for older men paired with younger women, anxiety and discussions on foreign film — but written decades ago it might have been funnier.

RICHARD CROUSE

Documentary



The Artist is Present

Director: Matthew Akers

Stars: Marina Abramović

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Serbian-born New Yorker Marina Abramović's 40-year career as a performance artist begins as many such careers do: at a passionate pitch and at times over the top. Abramović is an iconoclast who risked her physical and emotional health to express herself — being ritually slapped, bumped into, carved, threatened and whipped. At 63, now calling herself "the grandmother of performance art," Abramović stages her least shocking, most profound and gruelling show, interacting wordlessly and tearfully with fans at MoMA. **ANNE BRODIE**

Anne Hathaway is happy her claws took the spotlight

Workouts. Catwoman actress says the focus was never on how sexy she looked, but rather on how she could fight

NED EHRBAR

Metro World News in Hollywood

When Anne Hathaway signed on to play Catwoman for *The Dark Knight Rises*, she quickly found out that the bar for physical preparation had already been set pretty high by her new co-star, Joseph Gordon-Levitt.

"When I got the part, Chris (Christopher Nolan) had called me into his office and said, 'OK, so, there's going to be a lot of fighting, and when we did *Inception*, Joe got in really good shape. Joe went to the gym for months so when he did his fight sequence he did all of his own fighting. I really liked that," Hathaway remembers.

"And I went, 'Gotcha, I'm



Anne Hathaway hit the gym the entire time she was filming. HANDOUT

reading between the lines here.' And I just went to the gym and came out when we wrapped."

But unlike with other female superhero roles, Hathaway relished the feeling that the focus was never

on how sexy she looked.

"I don't know what other actresses have gone through, (but) I feel like sometimes there's a mandate that comes to you, an ideal of how you have to look, and the way I was treated on this movie

was, 'learn how to do what you need to do, and then however you look that's the way the character looks,'" she says.

"And I just felt, as a woman, very protected in that way."

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Christopher Nolan's final instalment in the Batman trilogy became one of the most closely watched film shoots in recent memory. HANDOUT

Christopher Nolan is ready for a vacation

Trilogy wrap. With a successful Batman series behind him, director doesn't know what's next — and he's OK with that

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

After the second film in your superhero franchise breaks box office records and goes on to earn more than \$1 billion worldwide, you'd think the studio behind the project would be

a bit upset to hear you planned to make the third installment the last one. But Christopher Nolan insists Warner Bros. was happy he was making the Dark Knight Rises at all.

"The point at which I was saying to the studio it would be a trilogy was the point I was telling them, 'Yes, I will do a third one.' They were thrilled," says the director. "Obviously I'm sure they'd love us to keep doing this forever, but I think they completely understood that my attraction to coming back for a third time was in finishing our story, so that we've told one big story with three major parts to it. And that really is the rea-

son we're here and the reason we've done it. So it was kind of part and parcel of what we were doing."

The production of Nolan's followup to the Dark Knight became one of the most closely watched film shoots in recent memory, with fans flocking to locations in Pittsburgh, New York City and elsewhere to glean whatever details they could — leading to grainy cell phone videos of fight scenes spreading across the Internet, much to Nolan's chagrin. "The world we live in now is if you're going to do day exterior scenes in a city, then everybody's going to get cellphone photos of

it," Nolan acknowledges. "But I think what you have to trust in is that audiences understand — or fans understand — that whatever they're seeing as the movie is being made is not the movie, and then they come to the film with fresh eyes. That's certainly what we hope."

With his Batman trilogy behind him, the big question is what will Nolan do next. But unfortunately he's not very forthcoming on that front. "I have no idea what's next. I'm going on holiday and just relaxing and quite enjoy not knowing what I'm going to do next, which is fun," Nolan says with a grin.

Commissioner Gordon. Gary Oldman might know what's going on in Gotham, but the script's ending was a big secret

Gary Oldman has been a part of Christopher Nolan's Batman franchise since the beginning, playing one of the Caped Crusader's few allies, Commissioner Gordon. But that doesn't mean Oldman got the word about the Dark Knight Rises before some of his less-seasoned co-stars.

When you read the script to another installment in a franchise, is there any sense of fear about what might happen to your character?

A sense of fear? No, I think because it's Chris, you read it with a sense of intrigue. You think, What am I going to be up to? What's going to happen to me? I mean, he called me with this one and he said, "Obviously there's a level of paranoia around it because we don't want people getting ahold of the script, understandably." I went and read almost to the end. He kept the end in his pocket, and then you would go and sit with him and he would tell you the ending, which I

thought was rather smart.

That must be an experience, having Christopher Nolan just tell it to you.

Yeah, you go in for a story. It's storytelling, literally (laughs).

Nolan has a tendency to reuse actors in his movies, so were you expecting a call for Inception?

I got a call, actually. He said, "It's this part, and it's not a huge role." I think it played in different locations around the world, and it was a big commitment. It just didn't work in with my life at the time and my kids and all of that, but he did call. We'll see what happens down the line, but there seems to be a sort of Chris Nolan Repertory Company, people that he works with. He's very loyal to a lot of the crew that he works with again and again and again. I think he's superstitious, too. He has Michael Caine in his movies, that's his lucky charm.

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Gary Oldman, right, says he read Nolan's script with intrigue. HANDOUT

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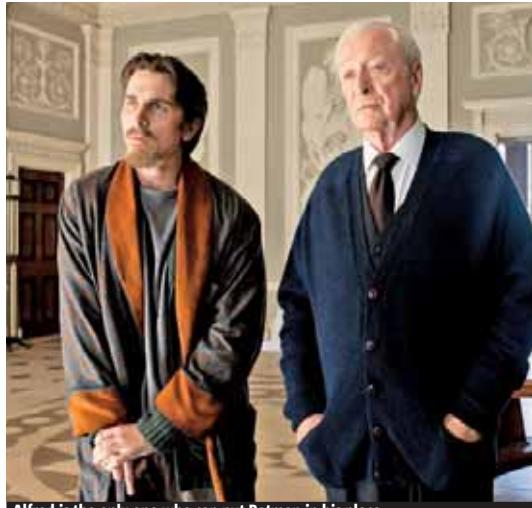
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The butler speaks. Caine has no regrets about un-retiring to play Alfred



Alfred is the only one who can put Batman in his place. HANDOUT

Since first playing the role of Bruce Wayne's butler, surrogate father and confidant, Alfred, in Batman Begins, Michael Caine has become a fixture in Christopher Nolan's work. And he hopes to keep it that way.

You've developed quite a working relationship with Christopher Nolan.

I'm the good luck charm. Chris always says, "You're my good luck charm," and say, "No, Chris. You're my good luck charm." I had retired, and now I've gone and made the biggest pictures I've ever made. I know I'm not the star of them, but that's not the point. They're things that will go down in movie history — especially this one. I wouldn't want to do a fourth and try and top this.

So we can assume you'll be in whatever he decides to next, right?

I've been in every big movie he's made since he started Batman. I was in Prestige, where I had a very good part. It wasn't a very big part for me in Inception, but it was very good for me because I was in the beginning and the end. I was important because it's a very puzzling movie. I say to people, "If I'm in it, it's real. If I'm not, it's a dream." And that's the answer. I only worked for four days. I worked two days in London on Inception, and about three months later two days in Los Angeles. He always uses the same actors, and I didn't really know who was in Inception. And I turned up to greet everybody at the end, and the whole cast of Batman walked off the airplane! NED EHRBAR, MWN

The Dark Knight Rises.

Actor dishes about how he overcame his claustrophobia in the name of fighting crime and saving Gotham

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

For Christian Bale, who's played Batman three times now for Christopher Nolan, creating a role that redefined both the legendary character and the British actor, the last time he put on the bat suit was a lot like the first time — and in each instance he needed a bit of alone time.

"The first time I ever put on the actual one myself I thought, 'Oh, Chris has to (re-do) the cast.' Because the claustrophobia was just unbelievable," Bale remembers.

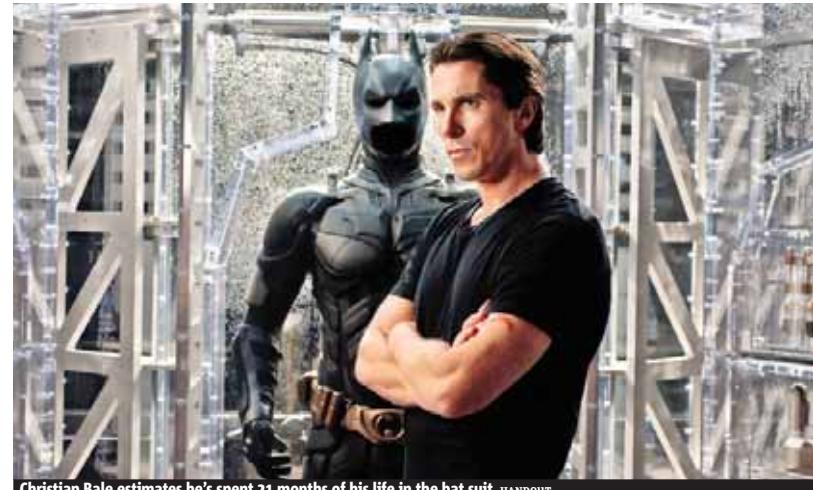
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"I stood there and I thought, 'I can't breathe, I can't think, this is too tight, this is squeezing my head, I'm about to have a nervous breakdown...'"

Christian Bale on donning the bat suit for the first time

Christian Bale needs a moment alone



Christian Bale estimates he's spent 21 months of his life in the bat suit. HANDOUT

this is too tight, this is squeezing my head, I'm gonna panic, I'm about to have a nervous breakdown, a panic attack right this second." So I said, "Can everyone just leave me alone for 20 minutes?"

The break did the trick, as Bale estimates he's spent 21 months of his life under Batman's cowl — with some improvements over the years, like giving Bale the ability to take it off whenever he needed. And when the final day of shooting in the suit arrived — a scene that paired Bale with Anne Hathaway's Catwoman on a New York City rooftop — Bale found himself feeling a similar need for privacy, though for a different reason.

"I was wrapped, and I just went down and sat in a room and I realized, 'This is it. I'm not gonna be taking this cowl off again,'" Bale says.

"So again, I said, 'Can you please leave me alone for 20 minutes?' and sat with that moment. It was a very important moment for me. It's been a very important character, and the movies themselves have changed my life and changed my career. So I wanted to just appreciate that."

Speaking of time, Bale couldn't really tell you how long anything took to film in the massive superhero flick because he intentionally wasn't paying attention — in order to save his sanity. "You know, there's such long schedules on these movies. I don't like to think about time, otherwise I get depressed," he says.

On the web



Who was the best Batman ever, and what villains are worthy of our fear — or scorn? Metro delved deep into the cavernous world of the caped crusader to mark the release of The Dark Knight Rises, in theatres next week. Scan this code or visit metronews.ca/features/the-dark-knight-rises.

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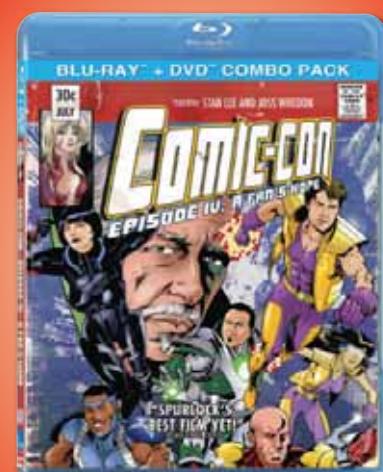
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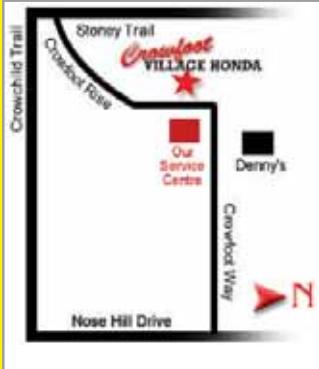
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First, I ignored it. Then I fought back. Now it's sucked me in.

I swore I would always buy vinyl, CDs and downloads. Physical possession was the only way to go. The idea of "renting" music repulsed me. However, now I'm in its thrall. I can't imagine ever doing without it.

It happened when I was sitting with the dog at Starbucks one Sunday morning, breezing through emails. One of the newsletters I get raved about a particular song — an album track — from a super-obscure indie band from Los Angeles. "You MUST hear this song," the newsletter said.

In the old days, I'd have to write down the artist and album information and hope to remember it the next time I planned a visit to the record store. If I did remember, if it was in stock

and if I was willing to part with \$20, I could hear for myself what this reviewer was talking about. But on this particular Sunday morning, I simply switched to a streaming app and launched a search for the band and the song. I was listening to it within 20 seconds. I tapped to acknowledge that I wanted to download a file of the song to my iPhone so I could listen even when I wasn't connected.

It wasn't until the dog and I were halfway home that I realized I'd had a revelatory consumer experience. Such instant musical gratification. Mind. Blown.

Since then, the dog and I have discovered an insane amount of new music. The second I hear about something new, I look for it on a streaming service. The cost? Just my \$10/month subscription.

Yes, if I stop paying, all this music goes away. That's why I still buy the music I really want to keep. The problem is that streaming has led me to buy even more CDs and vinyl than before. I'm a streaming convert. Try it. You'll get into more new music that you ever imagined.

In Our Head. Owen Clarke speaks to Metro about not forcing things, their new album and avoiding the traps most musicians make

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Owen Clarke is known for his moves. The Hot Chip multi-instrumentalist can be found in a host of YouTube videos, getting down to his band's beats while slapping the bass or rocking the keys at a gig.

There's even a Facebook page called Owen Clarke — Dancing King. While somewhat modest about his own dance floor capabilities, Clarke does admit there's a very special thing that happens when it comes to playing a gig.

"It's this energy meeting — it sounds sort of hippie-ish but it is kind of true — people



Musicians Al Doyle, Alexis Taylor and Joe Goddard of the band Hot Chip perform at Coachella. KARL WALTER/GETTY IMAGES

come together to see a thing, you go there to do a thing and so, you know, it's set up for a good thing from the outset," he says.

Hot Chip made their mark back in 2006 for creating an irresistibly danceable combination of R&B and synth pop on *The Warning*, and three albums later, with the recent release of *In Our Heads*, the

band finds themselves still keeping the energy level buoyantly blissful.

"Whenever we make a record, we are the same people and we have the same sort of agenda every single time," Clarke says. "There's no sort of plan. There never is, which is how we've ridden our luck for so long, I think ... (the songs) just turned out the way they

did. That's not a great illumination in terms of an answer but we were just feeling a bit uptempo and happy. It's quite nice when things can turn out like that."

The band's playful sensibility has always been particularly notable when it comes to their music videos, in which more often than not, anyone from a fake boy band to award-winning actor Terence Stamp will be singing their lyrics to the camera. But why have stand-ins when Clarke in particular is such a smooth mover?

"There's a perception of who we are that isn't very close to the actual truth of who we are because we've never put up a front of being guys who are in a rock band, or being aloof and very synth-y, or being anything in particular, regardless of what anyone may or may not think," Clarke says. "It's nice to let the music speak for itself and let the video tell the story that it does with other people."

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Cristine Prosperi as Imogen Moreno in Degrassi. CAITLIN CRONENBERG

The Degrassi kids are back for 12th season

New episodes. Metro talks to actress Cristine Prosperi about why the TV show continues to rake in viewers

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While the rest of the television world is taking the summer off, the cast of Degrassi are amping up for the premiere of their 12th season, which continues to chronicle the exploits of the famed East-side school's students.

"I feel like every Canadian teenager has watched Degrassi," says Cristine Prosperi, who plays senior Imogen Moreno on the long-running series. "It's a huge thing for everyone."

Over the years, Degrassi has enjoyed incredible success, especially here in Canada. Its current incarnation has proved particularly tenacious thanks to a steady flow of new characters that cycle

in as old ones graduate.

A long-time fan of the program, Prosperi chalks up the series' longevity to its continued commitment to portraying teens as real people instead of the glossy Hollywood-version showcased on so many teen dramas. "Nothing is fake, nothing is over the top," she says. "Teens relate to us so much because it's not glamorous at Degrassi."

Prosperi grew up in Newmarket and has worked in television since her debut in a Unico pasta commercial at age three. She originally auditioned for the role of Katie Matlin, but was brought back to read for Imogen instead.

Still in Grade 12 when she was cast, she found out after her phone started vibrating in class and she retreated to the bathroom to answer the call from her agent. "I was crying the whole day," she says.

The summer season was shot quickly in order to accommodate myriad plot lines. Multiple new episodes will air throughout the week.

And while the series' July 16 premiere focuses on the

Premiere

To coincide with the premiere of Degrassi's 12th season, the nation's music station is holding a free screening event at its 299 Queen St. West headquarters, including special episodes of New.Music.Live. and Today's Top 10.

- The event will feature members of the cast who will be signing autographs and taking part in a Q&A session prior to the season premiere.
- To be part of the New.Music.Live. audience or for more info, check out muchmusic.com.

Drew-Bianca-Katie love triangle, relegating Imogen to the background, Prosperi promises we'll learn more about Imogen's home life and "why she is the way she is" over the summer's 20-episode run.

An advertisement for The Beach at the Calgary Stampede. The top half features a large "The Beach" logo with a stylized wave. Below it, a red box contains text about the beach, mentioning a mini tropical vacation, new retail and entertainment zone, and island-themed shops. A blue box at the bottom left lists the location as BMO Centre, Hall A, and the price as \$20 per ride. A note at the bottom states that bathing suits are not provided but options will be available for purchase. The middle section features the Calgary Stampede logo with the years 1912 and 2012, and the date July 6-15, 2012. The bottom section shows a man surfing on a Flow Rider machine. A red banner on the right reads "LET'S RIDE TOGETHER!". The bottom right corner contains the website calgarystampede.com.

Weaver makes TV debut with Political Animals

New on Bravo. Alien star says her character is 'like a breath of fresh air' in the White House who doesn't like playing political games

As the ambitious and coldly calculating Elaine Barrish, Sigourney Weaver oozes a steely determination to get

the job done in Bravo's new series Political Animals.

This, despite the moral quagmire the failed presidential candidate-turned-secretary of state faces at every turn — including from within her own dysfunctional family.

Weaver says it's a juicy TV part she relished diving into, even as she juggles several weighty film and stage projects, including two expected Avatar sequels.

"One of the reasons I

Quoted

"I wanted to see someone getting it done who is a woman, and I can't be alone in that feeling. How can that not be a good thing for us to see?"

Sigourney Weaver on her hopes the series will offer a glimpse of what could be

wanted to do the show was it portrayed a woman who is like a breath of fresh air, frankly, in the White House," Weaver says.

"She says what she thinks,

she's not afraid to ask questions, she has a very strong moral compass, she never loses sight of the big picture and she doesn't play all these games that a lot of the en-

trenched politicians play. And she really hates these games."

Political Animals marks Weaver's first regular TV role.

There's a healthy dose of skepticism and distrust among the embattled deal-makers of Political Animals, which show creator Greg Berlanti has acknowledged is partly inspired by Hillary Clinton's own rocky road to national office.

Elaine's fractured inner circle includes her womanizing ex-husband Bud Hammond (Ciaran Hinds), whose massive popularity as former president of the United States drove Elaine's hard-fought campaign just shy of snagging the presidential primary.

The six-part series kicks off with Elaine conceding defeat to her scrappy rival Paul Garcetti (Adrian Pasdar), who ultimately takes office and appoints her secretary of state.

Then there's Elaine's drug-addicted gay son (Sebastian

Premiere

Political Animals kicks off Sunday with a 90-minute premiere on Bravo.

Stan), another straightlaced but ambitious son who serves as her right-hand man (James Wolk) and a feisty former Vegas showgirl mother (Ellen Burstyn) with a tendency to speak her mind, even when reporters are around.

Complicating matters are Oval-office dealings that take place behind her back and a muckraking newspaper reporter who has uncovered a dark family secret Elaine is eager to suppress.

Weaver says none of this drama compares to the actual antagonism that seems to pervade the real Washington.

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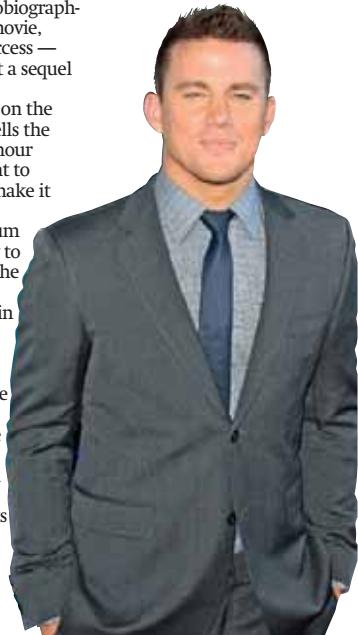


More stripping may be in the cards for Channing

Channing Tatum isn't surprised his semi-autobiographical male stripper movie, *Magic Mike*, is a success — and he's already got a sequel planned.

"We're working on the concept now," he tells the U.K. edition of *Glamour* magazine. "We want to flip the script and make it bigger."

Meanwhile, Tatum is more than happy to throw his hat into the ring when it comes to who should star in the film adaptation of the steamy hit novel *Fifty Shades of Grey* — under the condition that he co-star with real-life wife Jenna Dewan. "I'd only be allowed if my wife was Ana. She's read the books so I don't think she'd be impressed if she couldn't be Ana," he tells the magazine.



Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise

It's all about saving face, says attorney

Tom Cruise apparently knew Katie Holmes would win their divorce battle, which is why the pair reached a settlement so quickly, divorce attorney Debra Opri insists to *Hollywood*.

"Katie's main concern was getting sole custody of Suri, and Tom wanted to

protect his public image and keep the divorce out of the media as much as possible," Opri says.

"In most celebrity divorces, image is the upmost concern because that is how they make their (income). In the end, they all want the same thing: to save their public image."

Trouble on set for Bullock's movie

Sandra Bullock's new cop film, *The Heat*, is seeing its share of action this week while filming in Boston.

First, a bus collided with a truck from the production, resulting in injuries for 15 people, according to

Yahoo's Movie Talk.

And the next day, a fight broke out one block from where the film is shooting, resulting in a fatal stabbing in which one man was killed and two men were injured.

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More trouble in the Moore household?

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After her split from Ashton Kutcher and subsequent rehab trip, Demi Moore has been spotted out and about looking pretty great — or at least alive enough. But it seems not all is well with her family just yet.

"There's a wedge between Demi and her girls," a

source tells *Us Weekly* of her daughters, Rumer, Scout and Tallulah.

According to the source, Demi didn't speak to them at Tallulah's high school graduation last month.

"Demi is beside herself over the situation," a family friend tells *RadarOnline*. com. "She hasn't spoken to Scout, Rumer or Tallulah for weeks now, they won't return any of her calls, emails or texts."

Rich people, take note: If your teenagers don't need your car for the weekend, it's quite possible that you will never hear from them again.

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Andrew Garfield. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Spider Man vs. Edward Cullen

Andrew Garfield might be young and British with hair you want to shove your face in, but don't compare the Amazing Spider-Man star to Robert Pattinson.

"The truth is, Andrew can't stand Rob. He hates that they're put in the same category because they're both English and around

the same age," a source tells *Us Weekly*.

"Andrew considers himself a 'serious actor' and sees Rob as the equivalent of a cheesy boy-band because of *Twilight*."

Spider-Man vs. Edward Cullen: Why do we have a feeling this ends in a snuggle pile of fangs?

A princess for the Queen?

Queen Latifah is looking to start a family via adoption, she revealed on a visit to *The View* this week.

"I'm actually kind of working on that," the actress/rapper said when asked by

Barbara Walters if she'd ever consider adopting a child.

"I think I saw one of those specials — you know, those movies of the week. And it was like, I just always wanted to bring a child home."

Twitter



@NathanFillion

Man. I'm getting pretty riled up about Comicon. I know not everyone can make it, but who's going?



@SethGreen

Heading to #Comicon for the weekend. Fair warning, I'll be tweeting a LOT. But it'll be #SDCC stuff so maybe you'll want it.



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In the air, loving #GoGoInflight so I can get my emails answered.



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Tom Cruise's divorce settlement is a lot like John Travolta's last massage — both of them cost a fortune for a happy ending.

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Angus Moreshead, 11, plays one of the many water-based games on the Calgary Stampede Midway. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Fun and games

KRISTA SYLVESTER
For Metro

Some spend nothing, some spend hundreds, but the Midway games at the Calgary Stampede are always a hot attraction.

You can catch thousands of visitors proudly toting around their prizes at the grounds, from stuffed animals to the most coveted prize of them all, the motorized motorcycles.

North America Midway and Entertainment spokesperson Scooter Korek says they give away enough

stuffed animals each year that they can fill up the Saddledome seven times.

"Our games are probably half of our total business," Korek said. "The games have been a very popular tradition ever since we came to town eight years ago. We have a very good formula."

Korek believes it has something to do with tradition and, of course, it doesn't hurt that the games are fun and include a prize at the end.

"We give away a tonne of prizes, and there is something for everyone," Korek added.

But what are your chances?

Games of chance

"Every game is a little different. If you're good at throwing darts, I suggest you throw darts. If you can shoot a gun, then shoot up the star and you'll likely be walking away with a prize."

Scooter Korek, North America Midway and Entertainment spokesperson

"Every game is a little different," he said. "If you're good at throwing darts, I suggest you throw darts. If you can shoot a gun, then shoot up the star and you'll likely be walking away with a prize."

But even if you don't have a lot of game-playing skills,

you can still take your chances.

"One of our most popular games year after year is the birthday game. Basically, you pick a month and if that month comes up, you win. It's a one in 12 chance."

Jordan Kennedy says he makes sure to win a few

Many flock to the buzz of the Midway

stuffed animals each year, which he usually gives away to others.

"It's just a lot of fun to play and always nice to win at the end, especially when you earn it," Kennedy said. "I usually just win a few stuffed animals for my girlfriend or my sister."

And the price of those prizes varies between visitors, as some spend nothing by not playing, but many have spent up to \$200.

"Oh, easily a couple hundred," Mark Casey said. "But that's because I have three kids. It's worth it though once a year."

A city within a city

It may be called a "park," but the Calgary Stampede more closely resembles a city — the third largest city in the province actually — for 10 days every July.

And it's a fully self-sustained city spanning 193 acres, says Calgary Stampede spokesperson Doug Fraser.

"At 120,000 people per day, it's more populated than Red Deer or Lethbridge," Fraser said. "That actually makes it the third largest city in the province and that's why we call it a city within a city."

The Calgary Stampede can rely on itself for electricity — though Fraser admits that let them down a bit this week — but they also have their own emergency services on site, recycling and waste services programs and, of course, food.

"Oh, there is all kinds of food as you know, and lots of it. We are proud to say we are very self-reliant and have an excellent recycling and waste program on the grounds."

The Calgary Police Service also deploys an on-site team to work the entire Stampede and the force even sets up its own temporary district office.

"They are here when we need them and we also have some EMS on-site and I think we even have some firefighters as well," Fraser added. "We basically have everything we need."

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A man of many hats

Familiar face.

Glen Judd is the Stampede's longest current volunteer

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Some people collect spoons, others posters.

Glen Judd collects Calgary Stampede pins — he has about 54 framed in his home, each holding special memories. They are a testament to his years of service with the Stampede, making him the longest current volunteer.

"The current (pin) I'm not even going to wear — I don't want to lose it," Judd said. "They're very important to me; to anybody else maybe no, but to me that's part of my background, my heritage."

Judd started off participating in Stampede show jumping events back in the day, but has worn many different hats simultaneously since

then. Formally, he has been on three different committees, but informally, countless others.

"I look at it as a fun, fun experience and a major opportunity for me to do things in my life," he said. "There have just been so many positive experiences."

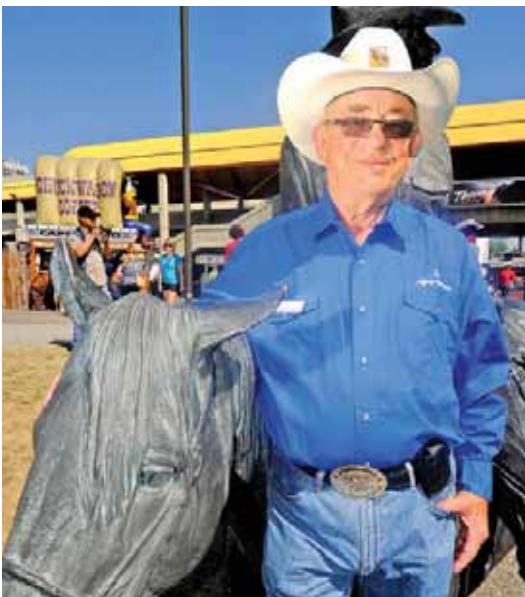
Currently, Judd is part of the promotion and parade committees — and it's the Calgary Stampede float he holds most dear.

He was instrumental in bringing about the creation of the Stampede float that travels to other parades; thanking communities that participate in the Stampede's parade, promoting the Stampede and southern Alberta.

Having been around for more than half a century, Judd has seen the Stampede evolve, but feels the Stampede's goal has been maintained.

"There's a lot of change but there's a lot of the same to it," Judd explained.

He has met countless interesting people over the years, created many friendships and



Longtime volunteer Glen Judd has been a familiar face on the Calgary Stampede grounds over the years. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

has seen more than his fair share behind the scenes.

One of his visits to Hong Kong stands out — he went there with the parade committee and Stampede parade float in 2001. Roughly three years ago, down in Olympic Plaza, Judd was approached by an Oriental couple who remembered the float in 2001 — "the best float he'd ever seen."

But it's working with people who want to get the job done rather than a pay-cheque that keeps him coming back.

"It is really interesting working with people like that.

"Failure is not in their vocabulary ... our pay is looking back and saying, 'Yes, we did it again and it worked out right.'"

Stampede entertainment

Here's the lineup of who is playing the Nashville North stage this weekend:

FRIDAY

- **Stacey McKittrick** (1 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m.); **Justin Ament** (2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 6:45 p.m.); **Chad Brownlee** (9:30 p.m.); **Jason Greeley** (11:30 p.m., 12:30 a.m.).



The Trews will play the Coca-Cola Stage Saturday at 8 p.m.

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3 p.m.); **My Little Pony** (12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.); **Terry Stokes** (1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.); **Simple Plan** (9 p.m.).

SATURDAY

- **Justin Ament** (1 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m.); **Stacey McKittrick** (3:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m.); **Dallas Smith** (9:30 p.m.); **Jason Greeley** (11:30 p.m., 12:30 a.m.).

SUNDAY

- **Justin Ament** (1 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:45 p.m.); **Stacey McKittrick** (2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 6:45 p.m.); **Emerson Drive** (9:30 p.m.); **Jason Greeley** (11:30 p.m., 12:30 a.m.).

SATURDAY

- **The Heebie-jeebees** (11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m.); **ROLL PLAY** (12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.); **Terry Stokes** (1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.); **The Trews** (8 p.m.); **Big Sugar** (9:30 p.m.).

SUNDAY

- **The Heebie-jeebees** (11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m.); **ROLL PLAY** (12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.); **Terry Stokes** (1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.); **Mother Mother** (9 p.m.).



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Mmm, doughnuts

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They are a staple food and fan favourite at the Midway, but they also have an interesting history.

Here is a breakdown of mini doughnuts at the Calgary Stampede.

The following averages are based on exact numbers provided by Stampede Midway vendors, divided by three.

3 Doughnut vendors — Cinn City Donuts, North American Midway Entertainment, Those Little Donuts.

5 Doughnut locations on Stampede grounds.

1,233 Pounds of batter used each day on average.

225 Pounds of sugar used each day on average.

1,043 Litres of oil used each day on average.

3 Flavours of donuts — cinnamon and sugar, powdered sugar and plain.

\$5 Average cost for doughnuts.

45 Years that Those Little Donuts have been at the Calgary Stampede; from 1967 to 1984 they were known as Tom Thumb Donuts.

120,960 Number of doughnuts Those Little Donuts makes between the hours of 5 p.m. and midnight.

Stampede favourite. Fireworks will Light Up the City

TESSA CLAYTON
For Metro

For the Stampede's centennial, organizers aimed to make everything bigger and better. This year's fireworks show is no exception, as it expanded to all corners of the city, engaging all Calgarians, said Melissa McKay, centennial manager.

The 12-minute "Light Up the City" show came as a result of feedback from the public about what they wanted to

see at the Stampede.

"People kept saying 'fireworks,' but there's not much more we can do here on park for fireworks," McKay said of the decision to take the show a step further.

Two local Calgary companies, Pro FX and Fireworks Spectaculars, have combined their specialties to produce the show — the largest and most sophisticated in Canada.

Although he has worked with the Stampede since 2005, being part of this massive project is "awesome,"

Schedule

- "Light Up the City" starts again Friday night, running over the weekend, starting around 11 p.m.
- The fireworks show is synchronized to music on Corus Entertainment's

said Brad Dezotell, president of Fireworks Spectaculars.

"There's something special about being home and doing

ducing large single shows, this will be the largest project he has participated in and the crew logs long hours filling the mortar tubes with shells of all sizes.

"We're producing 35 world-class fireworks shows in 11 days — those types of projects don't come around very often."

The show is so big, Dezotell said he's not even sure how much product they will be using — they had to contract another company just to help them assemble all the prod-

uct and help with logistics. McKay said \$1.5 million had been spent on the project.

"When we're normally down here just for 11 shows, it now seems simple — at one point that seemed difficult."

Despite the immense scale of the project, Dezotell said things have gone smoothly production-wise.

They have more than 80 expert technicians helping, including the supervisor of the Canadian Fireworks Championships, who will be out at McCall Lake.

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A day just for frozen goodness

If you're looking for more of a reason to enjoy everyone's favourite summer treat, consider that this Sunday is

National Ice Cream Day. Invented in 1984 by American president Ronald Reagan (who actually declared all of July National Ice Cream Month and the third Sunday in July National Ice Cream Day), the festivities have spread to Canada. Reagan recognized the popularity of ice cream in the United States (90 per cent of the nation's population consumes ice cream) and stated that these two events should be observed with "appropriate ceremonies and activities."

Meanwhile, according to data from the NPD Group, Canadians ate more than 121 million servings of ice cream at quick-service restaurants in 2011.

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On the Web



Kids love ice cream even more with these tips for a frozen treat bar

Liquid Assets

Polish vodka shows its sweet side

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I like ice cream as much as the next guy, but I never thought there would ever be a reason to want to make my own — until I read *Ice Cream Happy Hour* (\$16.95, Ulysses Press) by Valerie Lum and Jenise Addison.

Though you'll need an ice cream maker to create these ladies' boozy treats from scratch, their simple, spirit-laden recipes are amazingly easy to create and open the door to dozens of cocktail-inspired desserts that scream summer.

If that all sounds too much like a Food Network series gone wrong, you can cheat your way to spiked frozen treats through a gazillion Internet recipes that mix pre-made ice cream with every imaginable combination of liqueurs and hard liquor.

Vodka is the foundation of many a creamy creation and one with a bit of guts adds to the glory of any icy, adult-oriented endeavor.

The Poles know their way around a neutral spirit and, apparently, so does actor Bruce Willis. Mr. Die Hard is a part owner of Sobieski (\$22.62 - \$27.98), Poland's top ranked, rye-based vodka that combined a muscular expression of flavour with a well-rounded, grainy personality.

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This recipe makes 12 sandwiches. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A whole new way to scream for ice cream

Summertime Ice Cream Sandwiches.

Add a bit more pizzazz to your fave frozen treats with cookies and sweet toppings

1. Heat the oven to 350 F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper or lightly coat with cooking spray.

2. Place 1/4 cup of the sugar in a shallow dish or pie pan. In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat together the remaining 1 cup of sugar, the butter, vanilla, al-

mond extract and rum until light and fluffy. Add the egg, scraping down the sides of the bowl and mixing until well incorporated. Stir in the flour, salt and baking powder.

3. Scoop the dough by the tablespoonful and form into balls. One at a time, place each ball of dough in the sugar in the shallow dish. Roll around until all sides are coated. Arrange the sugared balls of dough on the prepared baking sheet, leaving 2 inches between them to allow for spreading. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, or until the edges are just beginning to brown. Allow to cool on

the baking sheet.

4. While the cookies cool, remove the sherbet or sorbet and ice cream from the freezer. One at a time, microwave for 10 to 15 seconds, or just long enough to soften. In a large bowl, combine the two flavours and use a rubber spatula to swirl them together. Do not overmix or completely blend them.

5. Overturn 1 cookie and place about 1 tablespoon of the ice cream mixture on it. Top with a second cookie and gently squeeze together. Return to the freezer until firm. If not serving right away, wrap tightly in plastic

wrap and store in the freezer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 1 1/4 cups sugar, divided
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp almond extract
- 2 tbsp spiced rum or brandy
- 1 egg
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 3/4 cup orange sherbet, raspberry sorbet or other fruity frozen dessert
- 3/4 cup vanilla ice cream

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Chuckwagon Finals

Stampede is wrapping up this weekend and with that comes the much-anticipated GMC Rangeland Derby chuckwagon finals on July 14 and 15. Head down to the grounds early to get rush-seating tickets to these sold out events, and see first hand who is going to walk away with \$1.15 million in prize money. If you can't make it down to the Stampede grounds, the races will be televised live.



Avec Grand Opening

Love French food and French culture? Head to Avec Bistro (550 11th Ave. SW), Saturday between 12 and 3 p.m., for the grand opening and to celebrate Bastille Day (they are a French bistro after all). They've already become a big hit since opening just a few weeks ago, so if you haven't tasted Avec yet for yourself, this is the perfect opportunity to check them out.



Fourth Annual Bownesian's Picnic

Pack a picnic and head down to Baker Park (9333 Scenic Bow Rd NW) on Saturday between 12 and 6 p.m. for the fourth annual Bownesian's Picnic, which is funded in part by Calgary 2012. Find a spot in the grass (there will be a prize for best picnic set-up) and relax with friends as you catch free shows by The Bitterweed Draw, The Pygmies, Buzz Elroy and His Hayseed Rockets, Los Morenos and The Bownesian.



Canadian Transplant Games

Support some of our Canadian heroes and catch an event at the Canadian Transplant Games, which are being hosted in Calgary July 15 to 22. Watch these tenacious and driven athletes put their skills to the test in track and field, swimming, tennis and more. Check out their website organ-donation-works.org for a detailed schedule of events.



Charcut Collaborative Chef Series

Charcut is rolling out the red carpet Monday, July 16 for an evening that is sure to have your mouth watering. Join them for a reception and six course dinner with pairings prepared by local chefs John Jackson, Connie DeSousa and California chefs Hiro Sone and Lissa Doumani of Terra and Ame Restaurant. This collaboration between top chefs is sure to delight Calgary diners with delicious flavours and innovative dishes. Bon appetit!



Heritage Park: Summer Concert Series

Love music? Head down to Heritage Park (1900 Heritage Drive SW) Wednesday evenings for live music starting on July 18. Bring a blanket and some snacks, or reserve a table on the patio of the Selkirk Grille restaurant and enjoy a great night of free entertainment brought to you by Heritage Park and The National Music Centre.

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Tennis

Raonic exits early from tune-up tourney

Canadian Milos Raonic was ousted from the Hall of Fame Tennis Championships on Thursday, losing 6-3, 6-3 to Germany's Benjamin Becker in the second round. Becker was able to beat third-seeded Raonic at his own game, firing seven aces to Raonic's five. Raonic, from Thornhill, Ont., was using the tournament as a tune-up for the London Olympics.

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Mobile sports



After signing Ray Allen and Rashard Lewis this week, Pat Riley has significantly improved the chances of his Miami Heat to repeat as champions. "Pat done it again," said Heat superstar LeBron James of Riley's ability to lure stars to South Beach at discount prices. Scan the code for the story.



Alouettes running back Brandon Whitaker is tackled by Calgary's Torrey Davis on Thursday in Montreal. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stampeders let late lead slip away

CFL. Defensive first half gives way to late shootout in Montreal with combined five fourth-quarter TDs

Rookie fullback Patrick Lavoie caught a last-minute touchdown pass after a Gerald Brown interception as the Montreal Alouettes pulled out a 33-32 comeback victory over the Calgary Stampeders in CFL action on Thursday night.

The visiting Stampeders (1-2) led by 12 points with 2:48 left to play, but Montreal quarterback Anthony Calvillo

Thursday's game

33	32
Alouettes	Stampeders

hit S.J. Green with a seven-yard TD pass to close the gap to five before Brown picked off a Kevin Glenn pass and ran it to the Calgary one-yard line.

It took Montreal (2-1) three tries before Lavoie caught, juggled and finally held on to Calvillo's game-winning toss with 48 seconds left to play.

Calgary back-up quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell scored

two short-yardage touchdowns and Jon Cornish ran one in while Rene Paredes booted two field goals for Calgary, which beat Montreal 38-10 in their season opener on July 1.

The Calgary defence posted four sacks against a team that had allowed only one in their opening two games.

Brian Bratton also caught a touchdown pass and backup quarterback Adrian McPherson ran one in for Montreal.

A tight, defensive battle turned into an shootout in the fourth quarter as the teams combined for five TDs.

Glenn got his first start as a Stampeders by replacing Drew Tate, who suffered a shoulder injury in a loss last

Moving up

Stampeders star Nik Lewis got the 42 yards he needed to pass Alouettes legend Hal Patterson for 23rd place in all-time receiving yards.

week in Toronto. He struggled early, but started finding his range late in the first half and brought the Stampeders back from a 13-3 deficit beginning late in the second quarter.

Calvillo, who missed a practice this week due to a sore left shoulder, was not sharp for three quarters and the less-than-sellout crowd of 21,074 booed him in the second half. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Week 3 primer



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Chamblin a force on the sideline

The 2-0 Roughies host the undefeated B.C. Lions on Saturday. An upset win and a 3-0 record would certainly be impressive following a terrible 2011, and would likely trigger early lobbying for Corey Chamblin as coach of the year.

Burris looking for last laugh in T.O.

The Argos might face their toughest test of the season in a showdown with the 0-2 Ticats. QB Henry Burris appeared to be headed to Toronto in the off-season before the Ricky Ray-Steve Jyles trade. Burris would love to make them regret their decision.



No one buying Benevides' bluff

Mike Benevides, coach of the Lions, is calling the Riders the CFL's best team prior to the battle of 2-0 squads on Saturday in Regina. Nice try, but the Grey Cup champs are clearly the best until someone knocks them off.

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 L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 9-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 8-7), 7:05 p.m.
 Cleveland (Masterson 5-8) at Toronto (R.Romero 8-4), 7:07 p.m.
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 Chicago White Sox (Quintana 4-1) at Kansas City (B.Chen 7-8), 8:10 p.m.
 Oakland (Griffin 0-0) at Minnesota (Liriano 3-7), 8:10 p.m.
 Texas (D.Holland 5-4) at Seattle (Millwood 3-6), 10:10 p.m.

ALL LEADERS

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Konerko, ChiW	77	286	40	94	.329
Mauer, Minn	77	285	44	93	.326
Beltre, Tex	82	319	51	104	.326
McCabe, SF	83	337	55	119	.335
D.Wright, NYM	82	302	56	106	.351
Ruiz, Pha	78	257	41	90	.350
Votto, Cin	83	287	50	100	.348
Rios, ChiW	83	318	50	101	.318
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New York	18	9	5	4	32	27	31
Chicago	18	8	6	4	21	21	28
Houston	18	6	5	7	24	25	25
Columbus	16	6	4	17	17	22	22
New England	17	6	7	4	24	22	22
Montreal	20	6	11	3	27	36	21
Philadelphia	16	5	9	2	18	17	18
Toronto	18	3	11	4	21	35	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	19	11	4	4	36	24	37
Real Salt Lake	20	11	6	3	31	21	36
Seattle	19	8	5	6	23	19	30
Vancouver	19	8	5	6	21	22	30
Los Angeles	19	7	10	2	28	29	23
Colorado	18	7	10	1	25	24	22
Chivas USA	17	5	7	5	11	18	20
Portland	17	5	8	4	16	24	19
Dallas	19	3	9	7	17	27	16

Wednesday's result

Toronto 3 Vancouver 2

Saturday's games — All Times Eastern

Montreal at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

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SPORTS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	49	34	.590	—
Atlanta	46	39	.541	4
New York	46	40	.535	4/
Miami	41	44	.482	9
Philadelphia	37	50	.425	14

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	48	37	.565	—
Cincinnati	47	38	.535	1
St. Louis	46	40	.535	2/
Milwaukee	40	45	.471	8
Chicago	33	52	.388	15
Houston	33	53	.384	15/

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	47	40	.553	—
San Francisco	46	40	.535	1/
Arizona	42	43	.494	4
Baltimore	34	53	.391	13
Colorado	33	52	.388	13

Overall Standings

1. Bradley Wiggins, Britain, Sky Procycling, 48:48, 4 hours, 43 minutes, 54 seconds; 2. Thibaut Pinot, France, FDJ-Big Mat, 55 seconds behind; 3. Chris Froome, Britain, Sky Procycling, same time; 4. Jurgen Van den Broeck, Belgium, Lotto-Belisol, 0:57; 5. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Liquigas-Cannondale, s.t.; 6. Bradley Wiggins, Britain, Sky Procycling, s.t.; 7. Chris Anker Sorenson, Denmark, Team Saxon Bank-Tinkoff Bank, 1:08; 8. Janez Brajkovic, Slovenia, Astana, 1:58; 9. Vasili Kiryienka, Belarus, Movistar, 2:13; 10. Frank Schleck, Luxembourg, RadioShack-Nissan, 2:23.

ATP CROATIA OPEN

At Umag, Croatia

Singles — Third Round

Fernando Verdasco (1), Spain, def. Ernesto Gulbis, Latvia, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.

Alexandr Dolgopolov (3), Ukraine, def. Fabio Fognini, Italy, 6-2, 6-4.

Washington (Zimmermann 5-6) at Miami (Jo Johnson 5-5), 7:10 p.m.

N.Y. Mets (C.Young 2-2) at Atlanta (T.Hudson 7-4), 7:35 p.m.

Pittsburgh (J.McDonald 9-3) at Milwaukee (Greinke 9-3), 8:10 p.m.

Philadelphia (C.Lee 1-5) at Colorado (Friedrich 4-6), 8:40 p.m.

San Diego (Richard 6-9) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 6-5), 10:10 p.m.

Houston (Lyles 2-5) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 10-5), 10:15 p.m.

NL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
McCutchen, Pgh	81	309	50	112	.362
McCabe, SF	83	337	55	119	.335
D.Wright, NYM	82	302	56	106	.351
Ruiz, Pha	78	257	41	90	.350
Votto, Cin	83	287	50	100	.330
Gonzalez, Col	78	315	61	104	.330
Prado, Atl	83	324	49	104	.321
Holliday, StL	83	319	56	101	.317
Bourn, Atl	85	357	60	111	.311

Olympics

At Inverness, Scotland

Par 71 (35-36)

First Round

Troy Matteson

Ricky Barnes

Robert Garrigus

K.J. Choi

Brian Harman

Steve Stricker

Luke Guthrie

Gary Christian

Stuart Appleby

Tom Gillis

Bill Lunde

Chris DiMarco

Also

Matt McQuillan

David Hearn

EUROPEAN PGA SCOTTISH OPEN

At Inverness, Scotland

Par 72

First Round

Francesco Molinari

Alejandro Canizares

Ronen Kjeldsen

Raphael Jacquelin

Robert Coles

Peter Lawrie

Alexander Noren

Andrew Marshall

Jeev Milkha Singh

Also

Padraig Harrington

Phil Mickelson

U.S. SENIOR OPEN

At Lake Orion Mich.

Par 70 (35-35)

First Round

Tom Kite

Lance Ten Broeck

Bernhard Langer

Tom Pernice Jr.

Jeff Sluman

Fred Funk

Corey Pavin

Also

Rod Spittle

Ron Rutledge

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Across

1 Guttural utterance
5 Cudgel
8 Chore
12 Pop
13 Mess up
14 Wreck
15 People in the house
17 "Survivor" setting, often
18 Antidepressant brand
19 Barely perceptible
21 Biblical verb suffix
22 Boot attachment
23 Eggs
26 Neptune's realm
28 Uses a teaspoon
31 Vendetta
33 Try the sherry
35 Apiece
36 Of the unborn
38 "— Doubtfire"
40 Aye undoer
41 Mined-over matter
43 Resistance unit
45 Box-office buy
47 Popular search engine
51 Farm fraction
52 Farewell
54 Equine coloration
55 Lingerie buy
56 Mid-month date
57 Army members

58 Scrooge portrayer
Alastair
59 Being, to Brutus

Down

1 PDQ
2 Session with a shrink
3 Taro tuber
4 Corn
5 Pews
6 Shuttlecock's path
7 Lock of hair
8 Purpose of an ode
9 Viennese, e.g.
10 Ledge
11 Wounded —
16 Comestibles
20 High times
23 Vacations
24 Churchill gesture
25 Ruler with unlimited power
27 Intention
29 Nipper's co.
30 Bashful
32 Loses light
34 Telecast
37 Acting teacher
Strasberg
39 Pump, for one
42 Impales
44 Flick



45 "GWTW" plantation
46 Clickable figure
48 Pantheon members
49 "True —"

50 Gaelic
53 Swiss canton

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

ME KJS'BW RWWNMTX VJ YJZLVW

KJSB YJTX-YJRV ELVGWB.

EMBRV VBK ZGWZNMTX

VGW ZYLRRMEMWO OLOR.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A CARPENTER VISITS A LOCAL TAVERN, I SUPPOSE HE SHOULD ORDER A SCREWDRIVER.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals Y

How to play



For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

Disputes of one kind or another are likely today and if you clash with someone in a position of power, you will come off second best.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21. As Uranus, planet of the unexpected, begins its retrograde phase, you cannot afford to take anything you see or hear at face value.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

Good news will come your way over the next 24 hours, but can you trust it? It's possible that there is a hidden catch of some kind, or something you must do in return.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

Don't take anything for granted or take unnecessary risks. On the work front, especially, you cannot trust colleagues and employers to be totally honest with you. Watch your back.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You'll get the chance to do something a little bit different today, something in which you would not normally be interested. Don't spend more money on it than you can afford.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

The planets warn that an idea you have for improving your lot in life could actually make things worse than before. What happens this weekend will remind you of that.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

If you put your ego needs above everything else today, you will create resentment among partners and colleagues. Get ahead, but it must not be at other people's expense.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

You may believe that all things are possible but what happens over the next 24 hours will remind you that not everything comes easy.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec.

21. A week or so from now, the Sun will move into one of the most positive areas of your chart. When it does, your confidence will soar.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20.

You seem to be in a forgiving mood at the moment, but try not to give others the impression that you are going soft in your old age.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18.

You need to accept that certain situations are too big and too complicated for you to handle on your own. Either ask for assistance or focus on things you know how to deal with.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

Life has been good to you lately. But as Uranus turns retrograde today you must prepare yourself for some kind of surprise, and it may not be a welcome one. **SALLY BROMPTON**

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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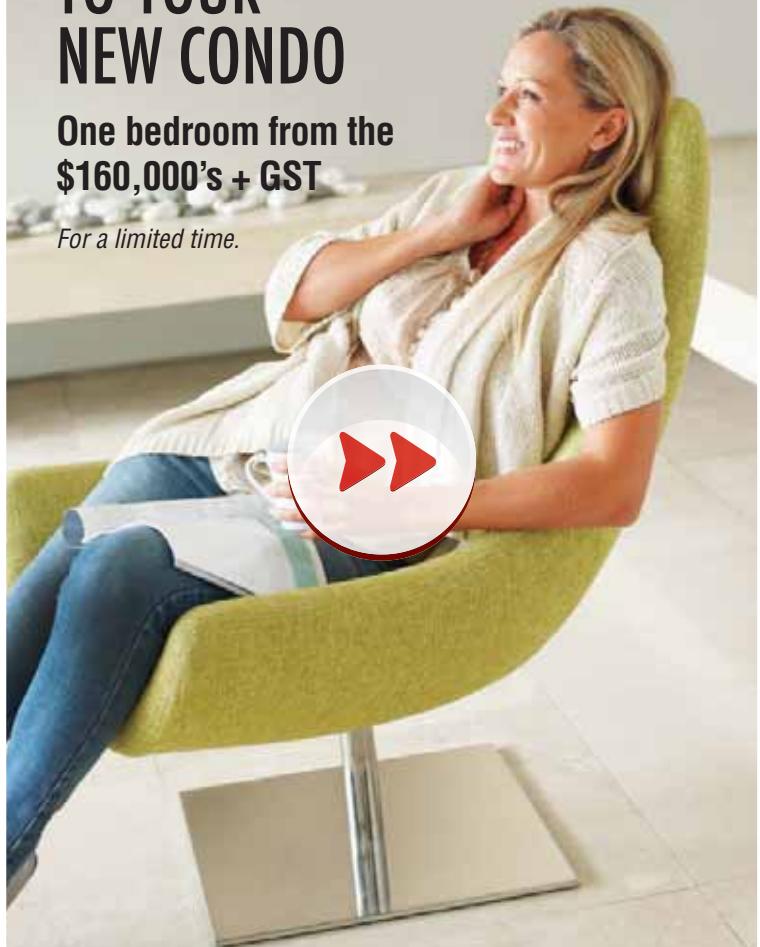
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